



BYLAW NO. 327

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING

WHEREAS the Regional District may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied during the conduct of local elections and other voting;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board wishes to establish voting procedures and requirements to be effective for the 2018 general local elections and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Strathcona Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“assent voting” means voting by electors on a bylaw or other matter for which the assent of the electors is required, or a bylaw or other matter for which the assent of the electors is desired.

“by-election” means an election to fill a vacancy created by the resignation, disqualification or death of a director.

“election” means an election to fill the office of a director and includes a by-election.

“referendum” means the holding of a vote to obtain the opinion of the electors on a question regarding a service that is or may be operated by the Regional District.

“voting jurisdiction” means the electoral area, participating area or service area within the Regional District for which an election, assent voting or referendum is being held.

Use of Provincial List of Voters

2. The Provincial list of voters prepared under the *Election Act* shall become the register of resident electors for an election not later than 52 days before general voting day for that election.

Voting Day Registration Only

3. Registration of electors for assent voting and referenda is limited to registration at the time of voting.

Advance Voting Opportunities

4. In addition to the advance voting opportunity required on the 10th day before general voting day, a second advance voting opportunity shall be held on the second day before general voting day for an election, assent voting or referendum in any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) where the population of the voting jurisdiction exceeds 5,000;
 - (b) where general voting day for a voting jurisdiction is the same as general voting day for another voting jurisdiction and there is a requirement to hold a second advance voting opportunity for the other voting jurisdiction; and
 - (c) where general voting day for the voting jurisdiction is the same as general voting day for a general local election.

Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

5. The chief election officer is hereby authorized to establish additional advance voting opportunities and to determine the voting places, dates and times of those additional advance voting opportunities.

Special Voting Opportunities

- 6.(1) To provide an opportunity for electors who may otherwise be unable to vote, the chief election officer is authorized to conduct special voting opportunities and to determine the dates, times and locations of those special voting opportunities.
- (2) The chief election officer is authorized to limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at a special voting opportunity.

Mail Ballot Voting

- 7.(1) Registration and voting may be done by mail for those electors:
 - (a) who have a physical disability, illness or injury that would prevent them from voting at another voting opportunity;
 - (b) who expect to be absent from the Regional District on general voting day and those days for which advance voting opportunities have been authorized;
 - (c) who reside on an island other than Cortes Island, Quadra Island or Vancouver Island; or
 - (d) who reside on the mainland of British Columbia.
- (2) The time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot shall be determined by the chief election officer subject to the requirement that mail ballots must be received by the chief election officer before the close of voting on general election day to be counted.

Resolution of Tie Votes

8. If, at the completion of a judicial recount, the results of an election cannot be declared because there is an equality of votes for 2 or more candidates the results will be determined:

- (a) by lot draw if there were only 2 candidates in the election, or
- (b) if there were more than 2 candidates in the election, by a runoff election of those candidates who were tied for the most votes.

Public Access to Election Records

9. In addition to the provisions of the *Local Government Act* governing public access to records, publication of the following documents on the internet is hereby authorized:
- (a) nomination documents from the time they are filed with the chief election officer until 30 days after the declaration of election results; and
 - (b) disclosure statements and signed declarations of a candidate from the time they are filed with the chief election officer until 6 months after general voting day for the election for which they were filed.

Repeal

10. Bylaw No. 11, being Strathcona Regional District Local Election Bylaw 2008, is repealed in its entirety.

Citation


11. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Bylaw No. 327, being Local Election, Assent Voting and Referendum Procedures Bylaw 2018.

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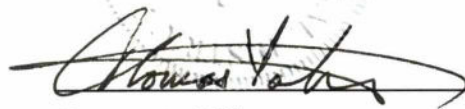
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Chair



Corporate Officer