

Trustee Elections

Bylaw No. 101.1.1

A bylaw to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

The Board of Education of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) wishes to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), in an open meeting, enacts this Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 101.1.1.

1. Scope of Bylaw

This bylaw applies to both general elections and by-elections.

2. Trustee Electoral Areas

In School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), trustee elections are held in the following trustee electoral areas:

Number of Trustees	Electoral Area	Name of Electoral Area
2 trustees	Area 1	Engen, Mapes, Vanderhoof and Cluculz Lake
1 trustee	Area 2	Topley, Decker Lake and Granisle
1 trustee	Area 3	Burns Lake and Rural Area
1 trustee	Area 4	Grassy Plains and Francois Lake
1 trustee	Area 5	Endako, Fraser Lake and Fort Fraser
1 trustee	Area 6	Fort St. James, Manson Creek, Germansen and Takla Landings

3. Definitions

The terms used in this bylaw shall have the meanings assigned by the *School Act*, the *Local Government Act*, and the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, except if the context requires otherwise.

- a. "Board" means the Board of Education of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)
- b. "by-election" means a trustee election **other than one conducted as part of a general school election**, to fill a vacancy on the Board in any of the circumstances described in section 36 of the *School Act*

- c. "Chief Election Officer" means the person appointed to perform the duties of chief election officer as set out in the *School Act*, *Local Government Act* and *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*
- d. "Minister" means the Minister of Education and Child Care.
- e. "School District" means the School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes).

4. Voter Registration

Voting in a trustee election shall be limited to only those electors registering to vote at the time of voting.

5. Required Advance Voting Opportunities

- a. Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement by Order of the Minister, an advance voting opportunity will be held on the tenth day before the general voting day.
- b. Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement for an additional advance voting opportunity by Order of the Minister, the second advance voting opportunity for Trustee Electoral Area 1 will be held on the seventh day before general voting day.
- c. In Trustee Electoral Areas 2 to 6, the required advance voting opportunity will be held on the tenth day before general voting day, unless exempted by Order of the Minister, and no other advance voting opportunity will be held.

6. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

The Chief Election Officer may establish dates for additional advance voting opportunities for each trustee election and may designate the voting places and the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

7. Additional General Voting Opportunities

The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each election and to designate the voting places and voting hours for such voting opportunities, within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act*.

8. Special voting opportunities

- a. A special voting opportunity is established in order to give electors who may otherwise be unable to vote an opportunity to do so.
- b. The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish the location, date and voting hours for the special voting opportunity.
- c. The Chief Election Officer is authorized to limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity, within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act*.

9. Order of Names on the Ballot

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be determined by lot.

10. Resolution of Tie Vote after Judicial Recount

In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by lot in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

11. Number of Nominators

The minimum number of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate is two.

12. Public Notice Posting Places

For the purpose of trustee elections conducted by the Board, the following are designated as public notice posting places for the purposes of section 50 of the *Local Government Act*:

- a. at the main entrance to the Board's main office in Vanderhoof, BC; and
- b. at the main entrance to the Board's satellite office in the Muriel Mould Neighbourhood Learning Centre in Burns Lake, BC.

13. Publication by means other than newspaper

The Board designates the following means of publication of notices required to be published pursuant to section 94.2 of the Community Charter:

- a. the Board's website at www.sd91.bc.ca; and
- b. the Board's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SD91BC

14. Number of Scrutineers at Voting Places

The number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is a maximum of one scrutineer for each ballot box in use.

15. Title

This bylaw may be cited as 'School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 101.1.1.

16. Repeal

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) Elections to the Board Bylaw No. 101.1 is repealed.

Date of first reading: _____

Date of second reading: _____

Date of third reading and adoption: _____

Chairperson of the Board

(Corporate seal)

Secretary-Treasurer

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