

SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT
BY-LAW NO. 477, 2005

A By-Law to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and other voting and to rescind Bylaw 378, 1999

WHEREAS, Under the *Municipal Act*, the Regional Board may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of local government elections and other voting;

AND WHEREAS, The Regional Board wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under that authority;

NOW THEREFORE; The Regional Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District, in an open meeting, enacts as follows:

1. **Definitions**

In this bylaw:

"Elector" means a resident elector or property elector of the jurisdiction as defined under the *Municipal Act*;

"Election" means an election for the number of persons required to fill a local government office;

"General local election" means the elections held for the electoral area directors of the regional district) which must be held in the year **2005** and in every 3rd year after that;

"General voting day" means:

- (a) for a general local election, the 3rd Saturday of November in the year of the election,
- (b) for other elections, the date set under sections 37, 38 (1) or (2) or 142 (5) of the *Municipal Act*, and
- (c) for other voting, the date set under section 162 of the *Municipal Act*;

"Jurisdiction" means, in relation to an election, the regional district electoral area for which it is held;

"Local government" means:

- (a) in relation to a regional district, the board;

"Other voting" means voting on a matter referred to in section 158 of the *Municipal Act* and includes voting on a referendum under section 245 [s.802] of that Act.

2. **Use of Provincial List of Voters as the Register of Resident Electors**

- (a) As authorized under section 59 of the *Municipal Act*, the most current list of voters prepared under the *Election Act*, existing at the time an election or other voting is to be held, is deemed to be the register of resident electors for electoral

areas A, C, D & E of the regional district;

- (b) The Provincial list of voters becomes the register of resident electors by 52 days before general voting day for each election or other voting for electoral areas A, C, D, & E of the regional district.

3. **Additional General Voting Opportunities**

- (a) The Regional Board authorizes the chief election officer (CEO) to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each election or other voting and to designate the voting places and voting hours, within the limits set out in section 96(2) of the *Municipal Act*, for such voting opportunities.

4. **Additional Advance Voting Opportunities**

- (a) As authorized under section 98 of the *Municipal Act*, the Regional Board authorizes the chief election officer to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election or other voting, to be held in advance of general voting day and to designate the voting places, establish the date and the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

5. **Special Voting Opportunities**

- (a) as authorized under section 99 of the *Municipal Act*, the Regional Board authorizes the chief election officer to establish a special voting opportunity for each election or other voting and to designate the location, the date and the voting hours, within the limits set out in section 96(2) of the *Municipal Act*, for the special voting opportunity.
- (b) The following restrictions apply to persons who may vote at this special voting opportunity:
 - (i) The only electors who may vote are electors who, on the date on which the special voting opportunity is held and before the end of the voting hours for that special voting opportunity, have been admitted as patients to the hospital.
- (c) The following procedures for voting and for conducting the voting proceeding apply to the special voting opportunity:
 - (i) A portable lap type voting booth is to be utilized.
 - (ii) All other voting procedures are as per normal.
 - (iii) Upon completion of the marking of the ballot it is to be deposited by the elector in the ballot box supplied by the presiding election official.
 - (iv) Upon completion of the special voting the ballot boxes are to be sealed until the time of counting.
- (d) The Regional Board authorizes the chief election officer to limit the number of candidates representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity.

6. **Order of Names on Ballot**

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be determined by lot in accordance with section 107 of the *Municipal Act*.

7. **Number of Scrutineers at Voting Places**

(a) As authorized under section 110(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act*, the number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is a maximum of 1 scrutineer for each voting place;

8. **Resolution of Tie Votes after Judicial Recount**

In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by conducting a lot in accordance with section 141 of the *Municipal Act*.

9. This Bylaw may be cited as "a bylaw to determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of local government elections and other voting amendment Bylaw 477, 2005.

READ A FIRST TIME this 24th day of June, 2005.

READ A SECOND TIME this 24th day of June, 2005.

READ A THIRD TIME this 24th day of June, 2005.

RECONSIDER, ADOPTED AND FINALLY PASSED this 24th day
June, 2005.

J. Beil
Secretary

K. Bergman
Vice Chair

Certified a true copy of
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