

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1340, 2022**

**A Bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local
government elections and other voting**

WHEREAS:

- A. the Local Government Act authorizes that the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District may by bylaw determine various procedures and requirements for the conduct of local government elections and other voting; and
- B. the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under that authority;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

- 1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Election Bylaw No. 1340, 2022”. This bylaw may be cited as “Election Bylaw”.

Repeal of Bylaw

- 2. “Greater Vancouver Regional District Elections and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw Number 1146, 2011” is hereby repealed.

Definitions

- 3. In this bylaw:

“Act” means the *Local Government Act*, RSBC 2015;

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District;

“Chief Election Officer” means the person appointed by the Board as the Chief Election Officer pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, or the Deputy Chief Election Officer in the absence of the Chief Election Officer;

“Elector” means a resident elector or property elector of Electoral Area A, as defined under the Act.

“Electoral Area A” means the part of the regional district not within the boundaries of a city, district, island, town or village municipality, or any land, foreshore, or land covered by water that may be hereafter incorporated within the boundaries of the municipality; and

“Regional District” means the Metro Vancouver Regional District.

Application

4. This bylaw applies to elections and other voting held within Electoral Area A pursuant to the Act.

Voting Day Registration

5.
 - (a) For the purposes of all elections and other voting, electors in Electoral Area A who wish to vote are required to register at the time of voting; and
 - (b) Registration as an elector under subsection 6. (a) is effective only for the election or other voting for which the voting is being conducted at that time.

Additional General Voting Opportunities

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

Required Advance Voting Opportunities

7. Two (2) advance voting opportunities will be held for an election by voting, or other voting, as follows:
 - (a) one (1) on the 10th day before general voting day; and
 - (b) one (1) on the 7th day before general voting day.

Establishment of Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

8. The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish dates for additional voting opportunities, in advance of general voting day, and to designate the voting places and set the voting hours for these additional advance voting days.

Mail Ballot Voting

9.
 - (a) As authorized under the Act, voting and elector registration may be done by mail.
 - (b) The following procedures for voting and registration must apply:
 - i. sufficient record will be kept by the Chief Election Officer so that challenges of the elector's right to vote may be made in accordance with the intent of the Act; and
 - ii. a person exercising the right to vote by mail under the provisions of the Act may be challenged in accordance with Section 126 of the Act.
 - (c) The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot.
 - (d) A mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer before the close of voting on General Voting Day, in order to be counted for an election.

Electronic Access to Nomination Documents Authorization

10. As authorized by Section 89(8) of the Act, public access to nomination documents may be made available via the internet or other electronic means.

Electronic Access to Disclosure Statements and Supplementary Reports Authorization

- 11. As authorized by Section 59(1) of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, public access to disclosure statements and signed declarations, and supplementary reports and signed declarations, may be made available via the internet or other electronic means.

Determination of Results If Tie Vote After Judicial Recount

- 12. In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by conducting a lot in accordance with the Act.

Interpretation

- 13. If any portion of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion will be severed and the remainder of the bylaw will remain in effect.

Read a first, second and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Passed and finally adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair

Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer