

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 1661, 2022

A bylaw to provide for the procedures for the conduct of General local elections and other voting

WHEREAS Parts 3 and 4 of the *Local Government Act* (*the "Act"*) provides for the conduct of General Local Elections and Assent Voting;

WHEREAS *the Act* provides that a board may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied to the conduct of General Local Elections and Assent Voting and the Fraser Valley Regional District Board ("the Board") deems it advisable to establish certain procedures and requirements under that authority.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

A. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "*Fraser Valley Regional District Election Procedures Bylaw No. 1661, 2022*".

B. DEFINITIONS

Assent Voting means:

- (a) Voting on a bylaw or other matter for which the assent of the electors is required;
- (b) Voting on a bylaw or other matter for which the local government is authorized under *the Act* or another Act to obtain the assent of the electors;
- (c) Voting on a referendum under Section 336 of *the Act* regarding a regional district service.

General Local Election means the election to be held for the offices of Electoral Area Director of the Fraser Valley Regional District according to *the Act*.

C. ENACTMENTS

1. Access to Nomination Documents

As authorized under *the Act*, public access to nomination documents will be provided from the time of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of election results, by internet or other electronic means, and will otherwise be available for public inspection at the offices of the

Fraser Valley Regional District located at 45950 Cheam Avenue, Chilliwack, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays.

2. **Advance Voting Opportunities**

- a) In accordance with *the Act*, for electoral areas with a population less than 5000, only one (1) advance voting opportunity will be held on the 10th day before general voting day.
- b) For electoral areas with a population greater than 5000, the second advanced voting opportunity will be held on the 3rd day before general voting day.
- c) The Chief Election Officer may determine whether additional advance voting opportunities are to be conducted and may establish the dates, locations and voting hours for these additional voting opportunities in advance of general voting day.

3. **Special Voting Opportunities**

In accordance with *the Act*, the Chief Election Officer may determine whether a special voting opportunity is to be conducted and may establish the dates, locations and voting hours for special voting opportunities. The Chief Election Officer may limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at a special voting opportunity.

4. **Voting Day Registration Only**

For purposes of all General Local Elections and Assent Voting under Parts 3 and 4 of *the Act*, a person may register as an elector only at the time of voting in accordance with *the Act*.

5. **Mail Ballot Voting**

- a) Voting by mail ballot and elector registration for mail ballot voting may be conducted by mail in accordance with Section 110 of the Act.
- b) The Chief Election Officer is hereby authorized to establish time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot and registering for mail ballot voting.
- c) An elector wanting to vote by mail ballot must request a mail ballot application form and submit the completed form to the Chief Election Officer within the time limit specified by the Chief Election Officer.
- d) Mail ballot voting packages will be made available to applicants as determined by the Chief Election Officer.

D. **REPEAL**

Fraser Valley Regional District Election Procedures Bylaw No. 1442, 2017 and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

E. READINGS AND ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	26 th	day of	May, 2022
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	26 th	day of	May, 2022
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	26 th	day of	May, 2022
ADOPTED THIS	26 th	day of	May, 2022



Chair/Vice-Chair



Corporate Officer/Deputy

F. CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of *Fraser Valley Regional District Election Procedures Bylaw No. 1661, 2022* as adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fraser Valley Regional District on May 26th, 2022.

Dated at Chilliwack, B.C. on May 27th, 2022



Corporate Officer/Deputy