

CITY OF
LANGLEY



Explanatory Note

Election & Assent Voting Procedure Bylaw, 2014, No. 2942, Amendment No. 2, 2022, No. 3211

The purpose of this bylaw is to amend Election & Assent Voting Procedure Bylaw, 2014, No. 2942 in order to:

- use the legislative authority of the Local Government Act to increase the number of nominators required to qualify to be a candidate for either the office of Councillor or Mayor from 2 to 10, in order to:
 - ensure there is meaningful support from qualified electors for candidates running for the office of Councillor or Mayor; and
 - provide greater assurance that a candidate is committed to holding office.

(Note: The number of nominators required for candidates for School Trustee will remain at 2 per School District No. 35 (Langley) Trustee Election Bylaw)

- create separate sections for Required Advance Voting Opportunities and Additional Advance Voting Opportunities for better clarity;
- remove reference to the Langley Senior Resources Society under Special Voting opportunities per previous Council direction that an Advance Voting Opportunity be held at this facility instead of a Special Voting Opportunity;
- provide authority for voting to be done by mail ballot and registration of electors to be done by mail in conjunction with mail ballot voting.



**ELECTION & ASSENT VOTING PROCEDURE BYLAW
No. 2942,
AMENDMENT BYLAW No. 2, 2022
No. 3211**

A Bylaw to amend the Election & Assent Voting Procedure Bylaw.

1. Title

- (1) This bylaw shall be cited as the “Election & Assent Voting Procedure Bylaw, 2014, No. 2942, Amendment No. 2, 2022, No. 3211”.

2. Amendments

- (1) Election & Assent Voting Procedure Bylaw, 2014, No. 2942 is hereby amended:

(a) by adding the following as Section 3:

“3. Minimum Number of Nominators

(1) As authorized in Section 86 of the *Local Government Act*, the minimum number of qualified nominators for the offices of mayor and councillor shall be ten (10).”

(b) by replacing Section 5 which reads as follows:

“5. Advance Voting Opportunities

(1) As authorized under sections 107 and 108 of the *Local Government Act*, the council authorizes the chief election officer to designate voting places for the required and additional advance voting opportunities.

(2) In addition to the required advance voting opportunity on the tenth day before general voting day, the following days are hereby established as advance voting opportunities for elections and assent voting:

- (a) on the eleventh day before general voting day;
(b) on the ninth day before general voting day; and

(c) on the third day before general voting day.

(3) Advance voting opportunities on the days specified in subsection 5(2) shall be available as follows:

- (a) on the eleventh day before general voting day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- (b) on the tenth day before general voting day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.;
- (c) on the ninth day before general voting day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; and
- (d) on the third day before general voting day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

(4) As authorized under section 108 of the *Local Government Act*, the Council authorizes the Chief Election Officer to establish dates for additional voting opportunities 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.”

with the following:

“4. Required Advance Voting Opportunities

- (1) As provided under Section 107 of the *Local Government Act*, required advance voting opportunities will be held for elections and assent voting as follows:
 - (a) on the 10th day before general voting day; and
 - (b) on the 3rd day before general voting day.
 - (c) Voting hours for these advance voting opportunities are from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (2) As authorized under section 107 of the *Local Government Act*, the council authorizes the chief election officer to designate voting places for the required advance voting opportunities.”

(c) by adding the following as Section 5:

“5. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

(1) The following days shall be established as additional advance voting opportunities for elections and assent voting:

(a) on the 11th day before general voting day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;

(b) on the 9th day before general voting day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; and

(2) As authorized under section 108 of the Local Government Act, the council authorizes the chief election officer to designate voting places for the additional advance voting opportunities.”

(d) by replacing Section 6 which reads as follows:

“6. Special Voting Opportunities

(1) As authorized under section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, special voting opportunities will be provided and the chief election officer is hereby authorized to establish the dates, locations and voting hours within the limits set out in section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, for the special voting opportunities.

(2) The following restrictions apply as to who may vote at the special voting opportunities:

(a) 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, are residents of the Langley Lions Senior Citizens Housing Facility located within the City of Langley and Langley City residents that are members of the Langley Senior Resources Society.

(3) The following procedures for voting and for conducting the voting proceedings apply to the special voting opportunities:

(a) All voting procedures are as per normal.

(b) 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.

(c) Upon completion of the special voting the ballot boxes are to be sealed until the time of counting.

(d) The chief election officer is authorized to limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity.”

with the following:

“6. Special Voting Opportunity

- (1) As authorized under section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, a special voting opportunity will be provided and the chief election officer is hereby authorized to establish the date, location and voting hours within the limits set out in section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, for the special voting opportunity.
- (2) The following restrictions apply as to who may vote at the special voting opportunity:
 - (a) 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, are residents of the Langley Lions Senior Citizens Housing Facility located within the City of Langley.
- (3) The following procedures for voting and for conducting the voting proceedings apply to the special voting opportunity:
 - (a) All voting procedures are as per normal.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) Upon completion of the special voting the ballot box is to be sealed until the time of counting.
 - (d) The chief election officer is authorized to limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity.”

(e) in Section 7, Additional General Voting Opportunities, by replacing the word, “will” with the word, “may”.

(f) by adding the following as Section 8:

“(8) Mail Ballot Voting

(1) As authorized under section 110 of the *Local Government Act*, voting may be done by mail ballot and registration of electors may be done by mail in conjunction with mail ballot voting.

(2) The following procedures for voting and registration must apply:

(a) Sufficient records shall 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 section 126 of the *Local Government Act*.

(b) The time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot shall be determined by the chief election officer.

(c) 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 and it is the obligation of the person applying to vote by mail ballot to ensure that the mail ballot is received by the chief election officer within this time limit.”

(g) by renumbering the remaining sections of the bylaw as required.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this ninth day of May, 2022.

ADOPTED this day of , .

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER