

# School District No. 22 (Vernon) **BYLAW**

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**No. 1**

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## TRUSTEE ELECTION BYLAW NO. 1

### BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (VERNON)

A bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of general school elections and other trustee elections.

Preamble:

Under the School Act, the board of school trustees may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of trustee elections.

In School District No. 22 (Vernon), under section 37 of the School Act, trustee elections in the following trustee electoral areas are the responsibility of the authorities:

<u>Trustee electoral</u>	<u>No. of Trustees</u>	<u>Responsibility for Conducting Elections</u>
Municipality of the City of Vernon and Electoral Areas B, and C.	four (4)	School Board
Municipality of the District of Coldstream	one (1)	School Board
Village of Lumby and Electoral Areas D & E.	two (2)	School Board

The board of school trustees, in an open meeting, enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

The terms used shall have the meanings assigned by the School Act and the Local Government Act, except as the context indicates otherwise.

"Election" means a general trustee election.

"Board" or "school board" means the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 22 (Vernon).

2. Application

This bylaw applies to elections carried out by the school board and by other authorities, except as otherwise indicated.

3. Order of Names on the Ballot

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be arranged alphabetically by surnames in accordance with section 107 of the Local Government Act.

4. 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 Local Government Act.

5. Elections Conducted by Other Authorities

- (a) The board may enter into an agreement with a local government under section 38(4) of the School Act, under which the local government conducts a trustee election for the school board, or conducts a trustee election in conjunction with a local government election. Where the board enters into an agreement the elections bylaws of that local government, as they may be amended from time to time, and not this elections bylaw, applies to any trustee election carried out under that agreement, to the extent authorized by the School Act.
- (b) Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this bylaw apply to elections carried out by a local government under agreement with the school board.

6. Elections conducted by school board

The following provisions apply to those trustee elections which the school board conducts on its own behalf and does not enter into an agreement as in 5 above.

6.1 Mandatory Advance Voting Opportunities

As required by section 97(2) of the Local Government Act and section 45(1) of the School Act, the mandatory advance voting opportunities are established as follows:

- (i) on the tenth day before general voting day; and
- (ii) Wednesday prior to the general voting day or other voting, or Thursday prior to the general voting day or other voting.

6.2 Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

As authorized under section 98 of the Local Government Act and section 45(1) of the School Act the school board authorizes the chief election officer the option to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election 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.

6.3 Additional General Voting Opportunities

The school 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 Local Government Act, for such voting opportunities.

6.4 Special Voting Opportunities

- a) As authorized under section 99 of the Local Government Act, the school board authorizes the chief election officer to establish special voting opportunities for each election and to designate the location, the date and the voting hours, within the limits set out in section 99(4) of the Local Government 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 at the above locations on the date when the special voting opportunity is held are those voters who are residents of Noric House, Gateby Intermediate Care Residence and Vernon Jubilee Hospital Acute Care Wards, Alexander and Polson Extended Care Wings or those who have been admitted as patients to the hospital.
- (c) The school board authorizes the chief election officer to limit the number of candidates representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity.

7. Use of Voting Machines

The school board authorizes the conducting of general trustee elections using an automated vote counting system.

- 8. A nomination for the office of school trustee must be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of \$100.00 to be dealt with in accordance with section 72.1 of the Local Government Act.

This bylaw may be cited as "School District No. 22 (Vernon) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1".

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