



## Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

### Bylaw No. A1089

#### A bylaw to conduct elections and assent voting

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The Board of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. **CITATION**

- a. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Bylaw A1089, "Elections and Assent Voting, 2022."

2. **APPLICATION**

- a. This bylaw applies to all elections and assent voting conducted by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

3. **VOTING DAY REGISTRATION ONLY**

- a. As authorized under section 69 of the *Local Government Act*, a person may register as an elector only at the time of voting for all elections and assent voting.

4. **ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES**

- a. As required under section 107 of the *Local Government Act*, in addition to the required advance voting opportunity on the 10<sup>th</sup> day before general voting day, the additional advance voting opportunity for elections and assent voting shall be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day before general voting day.
  - i. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> day before general voting day is a public holiday, the additional advance voting opportunity shall be held on the next day.
- b. As authorized under section 108 of the *Local Government Act*, the Chief Election Officer may:
  - i. Establish additional voting opportunities to be held in advance of general voting day; and
  - ii. Designate the voting places and set the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

5. **ADDITIONAL GENERAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES**

- a. As authorized under section 106 of the *Local Government Act*, the Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each election or assent voting, as required, and to designate the voting places and set the voting hours, within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act* for such voting opportunities.

## **6. SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES**

- a. As authorized under section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, one or more special voting opportunities may be provided.
- b. The Chief Election Officer may establish the dates, locations, and voting hours for special voting opportunities within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act*.
- c. The Chief Election Officer may limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity.

## **7. ACCESS TO NOMINATION AND ENDORSEMENT DOCUMENTS**

- a. As authorized under section 89 (8) of the *Local Government Act*, public access to nomination documents and elector organization endorsement documents will be provided by posting the documents on the Regional District website as soon as possible after time of delivery to the Chief Election Officer until 30 days after the declaration of official election results by the Chief Election Officer under section 146 of the *Local Government Act*.

## **8. MAIL BALLOT VOTING**

- a. As authorized under Section 110 of the *Local Government Act*, voting and registration may be done by mail.
- b. 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 Section 126 of the *Local Government Act*.
- c. The Chief Election Officer shall determine the time limits in relation to voting by mail.
- d. As provided in the *Local Government Act*, to be counted, a mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer before the close of voting on general

voting day.

**9. ORDER OF NAMES ON BALLOT**

- a. The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be determined by lot in accordance with section 117 of the *Local Government Act*.

**10. RESOLUTION OF TIE VOTE AFTER JUDICIAL RECOUNT**

- a. 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 151 of the *Local Government Act*.

**11. REPEAL**

- a. Bylaw No. A1083, Elections and Assent Voting 2018, is hereby repealed.

Read a first time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

Read a second time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

Read a third time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022



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Chairperson



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Corporate Officer