



The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan

Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw

BYLAW NO. 4060

A bylaw to amend Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 to include legislative amendments to the Local Government Act

The Council of The Corporation of The District of North Cowichan, enacts in open meeting assembled, as follows:

Citation

1 This Bylaw may be cited as "*Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 4060, 2026*".

Amendment

2 Part 2 [Definitions] of the Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by inserting the following definition:

"AUTHORIZED DROP-OFF LOCATION means a location specified by the chief election officer under section 110(5.1) of the *Local Government Act*."

3 Part 2 [Definitions] of the Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by striking out the definition of 'SECRECY ENVELOPE' and replacing it with the following:

"SECRECY ENCLOSURE means a secrecy envelope, secrecy sleeve or other means of keeping a ballot secret."

4 Part 2 [Definitions] of the Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by deleting the definition of 'SECRECY SLEEVE' in its entirety and replacing every instance of the term with 'SECRECY ENCLOSURE'.

5 Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by replacing every instance of the term 'Secrecy Envelope' with 'Secrecy Enclosure'.

6 Part 3 [Access to nomination and endorsement documents] of the Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by striking out sections 3 and 4 and replacing with the following:

"3. The chief election officer may give public access to nomination documents by Internet through the municipal website. If nomination documents are made available by the Internet or other electronic means, they must not include the residential address of the nominee, other than the municipality, electoral area, or treaty lands in which the nominee resides, in accordance with section 89(8.1) of the *Local Government Act*. Nomination documents will be publicly available from the time of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of the election results.

4. The chief election officer must give public access to elector organization endorsement documents in accordance with section 3.”

7 Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by inserting a new Part 3.1 as follows:

“Part 3.1 Minimum Number of Nominators

3.1.1 The minimum number of qualified nominators required to make a nomination for office as a member of council shall be 10.”

8 Part 14 [Mail ballot voting] of the Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by inserting the following section:

“32.1 The chief election officer may establish authorized mail ballot drop-off locations for completed mail ballot packages, provided that the chief election officer indicates the location and the office hours for a person to drop off the completed mail ballot package in the notice of election by voting.

9 Part 14 [Mail ballot voting] of the Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by striking out subsection 34.(b)(iii) and replacing with the following two subsections:

“34.(b) (iii) the name and address of an *Authorized Person*; and

(iv) any other information that the chief election officer deems helpful to maintain the Register of Mail Ballots.”

10 Part 15 [Mail ballot voting procedures] of the Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by striking out subsection 38(a) and replacing it with the following:

“(a) place the ballot in the *Secrecy Enclosure* provided and secure it;

11 Part 15 [Mail ballot voting procedures] of the Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by striking out subsection 38(d) and replacing it with the following:

“(d) mail, or have delivered, the outer envelope and its contents to the chief election officer at the address specified, or to an authorized drop-off location, as authorized by the chief election officer, if any, in order to be counted for an election, before the close of voting on general voting day.

12 Part 15 [Mail ballot voting procedures] of the Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 3837 is amended by inserting the following section:

“38.1 It is the elector’s responsibility to ensure that the ballot is received before the close of voting on general voting day.”

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