

City of Chilliwack

Bylaw No. 4520

A bylaw to establish Election Procedures

Council of the City of Chilliwack in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as **“Election Procedures Bylaw 2018, No. 4520”**.
2. “Election Procedures Bylaw 2004, No. 3016” and amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

INTERPRETATION

3. In this Bylaw:

“Chief Election Officer” means the person responsible for the administration of local government elections in the City of Chilliwack;

“City” means the City of Chilliwack;

“Elector” means a resident Elector or non-resident property Elector of the jurisdiction as defined under the *Local Government Act*;

“Election” means an Election for the number of persons required to fill a local government office;

“General Local Election” means the elections held for the Mayor, all Councillors and Park Commissioners of the City and must be held in the year 2018 and every 4th year thereafter as provided for in the *Local Government Act* and includes school trustee elections, by-elections and Other Voting;

“General Voting Day” means:

- (a) for a General Local Election, the 3rd Saturday of October in the year of the General Local Election;
- (b) for By-Elections, a Minister’s Order, or a run-off Election, the dates set out in the *Local Government Act*; and,
- (c) for Other Voting on a matter or bylaw submitted for the assent of the Electors, the date set out in the *Local Government Act*;

“Other Voting” means voting on a matter referred to in the *Local Government Act* and includes assent voting as set out in that Act; and,

“Special Voting Opportunity” means to give Electors who may otherwise be unable to vote an opportunity to do so at a location established by the Chief Election Officer and shall be restricted to only residents, patients, visitors or employees of that location.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS

4. The registration of Electors shall be limited to the time of voting.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF NOMINATORS

5. Each candidate shall have at least 2 qualified nominators of the City of Chilliwack for which the nomination is made.

ACCESS TO NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

6. Public access to nomination documents and supplementary information will be provided in any manner, including the internet or other electronic means, during the period of time of delivery of the nomination documents until 30 days after the declaration of the Election results as set out in the *Local Government Act*.
7. Public access to Elector organization endorsement documents will be provided in any manner, including the internet or other electronic means, during the period of time of delivery of the nomination documents until 30 days after the declaration of the Election results as set out in the *Local Government Act*.

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

8. Advance voting opportunities shall be held from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on the 10th day before and on the 3rd day before General Voting Day.
9. The Chief Election Officer is hereby authorized to establish additional Advance Voting Opportunities for each Election and to designate the voting places, establish the dates and the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

10. For each General Local Election or By-Election, the Chief Election Officer shall establish the dates, location and voting hours, within the limits set out in Section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, when a Special Voting Opportunity will be conducted.
11. Special Voting Opportunities will be restricted to only residents, patients, visitors or employees of the location where the Special Voting Opportunity has been established by the Chief Election Officer.
12. For all Other Voting, the use of Special Voting Opportunities will be at the discretion of the Chief Election Officer.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

13. The Chief Election Officer shall establish additional voting opportunities for General Voting Day and shall designate the voting places and set the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

NUMBER OF CANDIDATE REPRESENTATIVES (SCRUTINEERS) AT VOTING PLACE

- 14.** The number of candidate representatives (scrutineers) permitted for each candidate that may be present for each ballot box in use at a voting place while voting proceedings are being conducted shall be limited to one.

TIE VOTE AFTER A JUDICIAL RECOUNT

- 15.** In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the results will be determined by lot between those candidates where there is an equality of valid votes for two or more candidates.

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