

CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE

BYLAW NO. 6067

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF VARIOUS PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING.

WHEREAS under the Municipal Act, the Council may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of local government elections and other voting;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under that authority;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Prince George, in open meeting of Council, enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw:

"Elector" means a resident elector or property elector of the jurisdiction as defined under the Municipal 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 and all Councillors of the Municipality which must be held in the year 1993 and in every third year after that;

"General voting day" means,

- (a) for a general local election, the third Saturday of November in the year of the election,
- (b) for other elections, the date set under sections 38(5), 39(1) or (3) or 142(5) of the Municipal Act, and
- (c) for other voting, the date set under section 162 of the Municipal Act;

"Local government" means the Council of the City of Prince George;

"Other voting" means voting on a matter referred to in Section 158 of the Municipal Act and includes voting on a referendum under Section 283 of that Act.

2. APPLICATION

The provisions of this bylaw apply to general local elections and other voting held at times other than in a general local election.

3. USE OF PROVINCIAL LIST OF VOTERS AS THE REGISTER OF RESIDENT ELECTORS

- (a) As authorized under Section 60 of the Municipal Act, the most current list of voters prepared under the Election Act, existing at the time an election or other voting is to be held, is deemed to be the register of resident electors for the City of Prince George;
- (b) The Provincial list of voters becomes the register of resident electors by 52 days before general voting day for each election or other voting for the City of Prince George.

4. REQUIRED ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

As required under Section 97 of the Municipal Act, two advance voting opportunities are hereby established:

- (a) one on the 10th day before general voting day, and
- (b) one on the 4th day before general voting day.

5. ADDITIONAL GENERAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

- (a) The Council authorizes the Chief Election Officer to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each election and to designate the voting places and voting hours, within the limits set out in Section 96(2) of the Municipal Act, for such voting opportunities.

6. ADDITIONAL ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

- (a) As authorized under Section 98 of the Municipal Act, the Council authorizes the Chief Election Officer to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election or other voting 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.

7. SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

- (a) As authorized under Section 99 of the Municipal Act, the Council authorizes the Chief Election Officer to establish a special voting opportunity for each election or other voting and to designate the location, the date and the voting hours, within the limits set out in Section 96(2) of the Municipal Act, for the special voting opportunity.

8. MAIL BALLOT VOTING

- (a) As authorized under Section 100 of the Municipal Act, voting and registration may be done by mail for those electors who meet the criteria in paragraph (b) for each election or other voting;
- (b) As provided in the Municipal Act, only those persons who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity may register to vote by mail and may vote by mail ballot;
- (c) The following procedures for voting and registration by mail ballot must apply:
 - (i) 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 116 of the Municipal Act;
 - (ii) A person exercising the right to vote by mail under the provisions of Section 100 may be challenged in accordance with, and on the grounds specified in Section 116 of the Municipal Act, until 5:00 p.m. two days before general voting day.
- (d) The time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot will be determined by the chief election officer.
- (e) As provided in the Municipal Act, 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.

9. 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 Municipal Act.

10. REPEAL

Advance Poll Bylaw No. 5189, 1988, is hereby repealed.

11. This Bylaw may be cited as "Election and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 6067, 1993".

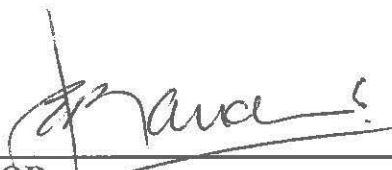
Read a first time this the 30th day of August, 1993.

Read a second time this the 30th day of August, 1993.


Read a third time this the 30th day of August, 1993.

All three readings passed by a Unanimous decision of all members of Council present and eligible to vote.

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 13th DAY OF September, 1993, BY A Unanimous DECISION OF ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.



MAYOR



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