A Bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and other voting

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323, the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District may by bylaw determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of general local elections and other voting;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under that authority;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

Citation
1. This bylaw shall be cited as “Greater Vancouver Regional District Elections and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw Number 1146, 2011”.

Definitions
2. In this bylaw:
   “Act” means the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323;
   “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District;
   “Electoral Area A” refers to that part of the regional district not within the boundaries of a City, District, Island, Town, or Village municipality, or any land, foreshore, or land covered by water that may be hereafter incorporated within the boundaries of a municipality;
   “Regional District” means the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

Application
3. This bylaw applies to elections and other voting held within Electoral Area A pursuant to the Act.

Voting Day Registration
4. (a) For the purposes of all elections and other voting, electors in Electoral Area A who wish to vote at the general local election are required to register at the time of voting.

   (b) Registration as an elector under subsection 4.(a) is effective only for the election or other voting for which the voting is being conducted at that time.

Additional general voting opportunities
5. The chief election officer is authorized to establish additional voting opportunities for general voting day and to designate the voting places and voting hours for the general voting opportunities, within the limits set out in the Act, for such voting opportunities.
Required advance voting opportunities
6. The Saturday immediately prior to general voting day is established as the second advance voting opportunity required by the Act.

Mail Ballot Voting
7. (a) The following electors may vote by mail ballot and register in conjunction with mail ballot voting:
   i. persons who have a physical disability, illness, or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity;
   ii. persons who reside in the following areas of Electoral Area A that are remote from voting places at which they are entitled to vote:
      1. Bowyer Island;
      2. Passage Island;
      3. Boulder Island;
      4. Grebe Islets;
      5. those parts of Electoral Area A shown on the maps that are attached to and form part of this bylaw that are labelled as follows: "Indian Arm North", "Indian Arm South", "Pitt Lake North", "Pitt Lake South", "Widgeon Creek", "Carraholly Point";
   iii. persons who expect to be absent from Electoral Area A on general voting day and at the time of all advance voting opportunities.
(b) The chief election officer is authorized to establish time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot.

Determination of results by lot if tie vote after judicial recount
8. In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by conducting a lot in accordance with the Act.

Interpretation
9. If any portion of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion will be severed and the remainder of the bylaw will remain in effect.

Repeal

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this 24 day of June 2011;

RECONSIDERED, PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 24 day of June 2011.

Lois E. Jackson, Chair

Paulette A. Vetleson, Corporate Secretary
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Carraholly Point
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Lot C Pl. 10118 DL 221
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