

GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 841, 1996

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

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, being R.S.B.C., 1979, Chapter 290, as amended, 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 local government 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:

1. Definitions

In this bylaw:

“Act” means the *Municipal Act*, R.S.B.C., 1979, Chapter 290;

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District;

“elector” means a resident elector or property elector of the jurisdiction as defined under the *Act*;

“Electoral Area A” refers to that portion of School District 39 known as University Hill;

“Electoral Area C” refers to that portion of School District 45 known as Bowen Island; that portion of School District 36 known as Barnston Island; that portion of School District 43 lying alongside Indian Arm adjacent to the boundaries of the Village of Belcarra above Twin Falls; that portion of School District 44 known as Upper Indian Arm; and that portion of School District 45 lying alongside Howe Sound adjacent to the municipalities of West Vancouver and Lions Bay, as existing on the date of adoption of Bylaw No. 841, 1996;

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

“general local election” means the elections held for electoral area directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District commencing in the year 1993 and held 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 *Act*; and
- (c) for other voting, the date set under section 162 of the *Act*;

“jurisdiction” means the Greater Vancouver Regional District electoral area for which it is held;

“local government” means the Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District;

“other voting” means voting on a matter referred to in section 158 of the *Act* and includes voting on a referendum under section 283 (section 790.1) of the *Act*;

“regional district” means the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

2. Voting Day Registration

- (a) As authorized under Section 55 of the *Act*, electors in Electoral Areas A and C who wish to vote at the general election are required to register at the time of voting.
- (b) Registration as an elector under subsection 2(a) is effective only for the election or other voting for which the voting is being conducted at that time.

3. Additional general voting opportunities

The Board 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 *Act*, for such voting opportunities.

4. Required advance voting opportunities

- (a) Pursuant to section 97(2) of the *Act*, the required advance voting opportunity will be held on the 10th day before general voting day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for each election;
- (b) The advance voting opportunity referred to in section 97(2)(b) of the *Act* will not be held for the general local election.

5. Determination of results by lot if tie vote 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 *Act*.

6. “Elections Procedure Bylaw 752” and “Elections Procedures Amendment Bylaw 758, 1993” are hereby repealed.

7. This bylaw may be cited as “Greater Vancouver Regional District Election Procedures Bylaw No. 841, 1996”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26th day of July, 1996;

READ A SECOND TIME this 26th day of July, 1996;

READ A THIRD TIME this 26th day of July, 1996;

RECONSIDERED, PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 1996.

Chairperson

Secretary