

The following is a consolidated copy of the regional district elections bylaw and includes the following bylaws:

Bylaw No.	Bylaw Name	Adopted	Purpose
11	Comox Valley Regional District Local Election Bylaw No. 11, 2008	July 29, 2008	A bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and other voting
166	Comox Valley Regional District Local Election Bylaw No. 11, 2008, Amendment No. 1	May 31, 2011	To use same-day elector registration at all elections and other voting under parts 3 and 4 of the LGA
334	Comox Valley Regional District Local Election Bylaw No. 11, 2008, Amendment No. 2	May 27, 2014	To amend the local election bylaw to authorize mail ballot voting
344	Comox Valley Regional District Local Election Bylaw No. 11, 2008, Amendment No. 3	July 29, 2014	To continue providing public access to election documents and to remain compliant with Provincial legislation

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COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 11

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

WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, the board of the Comox Valley Regional District may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied to the conduct of local government elections and other voting;

AND WHEREAS the board of the Comox Valley Regional District wishes to establish voting procedures and requirements under that authority;

NOW THEREFORE the board of the Comox Valley Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

Same day voter registration

1. (1) For the purposes of all elections and other voting under parts 3 and 4 of the Local Government Act, a person may register as an elector only at the time of voting.
- (2) Registration as an elector under subsection 1 is effective only for the voting or other matters on which the opinion of the electors is being sought at the time of voting

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Advance voting opportunities

2. (1) In voting areas with a population greater than 5000, an advance voting opportunity will be provided on the 10th day and on the 3rd day before general voting day.
- (2) In voting areas with a population of 5000 or less, an advance voting opportunity will be provided on the 10th day before general voting day.
- (3) The chief election officer is authorized to establish the voting places for advance voting opportunities.

Additional advance voting opportunities

3. As authorized under section 98 of the *Local Government Act*, the board authorizes the chief election officer to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election to be held in advance of general voting day and to designate the voting places, and to establish the date and voting hours of these voting opportunities.

Special voting opportunities

4. (1) To give electors who may otherwise be unable to vote an opportunity to do so, the board may provide a special voting opportunity as authorized under section 99 of the *Local Government Act* for each election and authorizes the chief election officer to establish a special voting opportunity for each election and to designate the location, the date and the voting hours within the limits set out in section 99 of the *Local Government Act*, for the special voting opportunity.
- (2) The board authorizes the chief election officer to limit the number of candidates' representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity.

Mail ballot voting

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5. (1) As authorized under section 100 of the Local Government Act, voting and registration may be done by mail for those electors who meet the criteria in subsection (2) for each election or other voting.
- (2) The following electors are permitted to register to vote by mail and to vote by mail ballot:
- (a) Those person who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity;
 - (b) Persons who expect to be absent from the Comox Valley Regional District on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities.
- (3) The following procedures for voting and registration must apply:
- (a) 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 Local Government Act;
 - (b) 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 Local Government Act, until 4:30 pm two days before general voting day.
- (4) The time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot will be determined by the chief election officer.
- (5) As provided in the Local Government 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.

Public access to election documents

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6. In addition to public access to election documents required under the *Local Government Act* the board authorizes the publication on the regional district Internet of
- (a) nomination documents under section 73 of the *Local Government Act*; and
 - (b) candidate endorsement by elector organization documents under section 73.4 of the *Local Government Act*
- from as soon as possible after the time of delivery to the chief election officer until at a minimum 30 days after the declaration of the election results.

Resolution of tie vote after judicial recount

7. If at the completion of a judicial recount the results of an election cannot be declared because there is an equality of valid votes for 2 or more candidates, the results will be determined by lot in accordance with section 141 of the *Local Government Act*.

Repeal

8. Bylaw No. 2798 being "Regional District of Comox-Strathcona General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 2798, 2005", and all amendments hereto, is hereby repealed.

Citation

9. This Bylaw No. 11 may be cited for all purposes as "Comox Valley Regional District Local Election Bylaw No. 11, 2008".