

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF MAPLE RIDGE

BYLAW NO. 7072 – 2014

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

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WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied to the conduct of local government elections and other voting:

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge enact as follows:

1. Citation

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Maple Ridge General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 7072 -2014”

2. Existing Bylaw

“Maple Ridge General Local Government Election Bylaw No.6586- 2008” and amendments thereto is hereby repealed in its entirety

3. Use of Provincial List of Voters as the Register of Resident Electors

For the purposes of all local elections and submissions to the electors under the *Local Government Act*, the most current available list of voters prepared under the *Election Act* of British Columbia shall become the register of resident electors on the 52<sup>nd</sup> day prior to the general voting day.

4. Number of Nominators

The minimum number of qualified nominators required to make a nomination for office shall be 2.

5. Access to Nomination Documents

The Chief Election Officer is hereby authorized to make nomination documents available for public inspection via the internet or other electronic means.

6. Additional General Voting Opportunities

The Chief Election Officer is hereby authorized to establish additional voting opportunities for general voting day for each election and to designate the voting hours and locations for these opportunities.

7. Advance Voting Opportunities

- a) The required advance voting opportunities shall be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> days before general voting day
- b) The Chief Election Officer is hereby authorized to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election to be held in advance of general voting day and to designate the date, voting hours and locations for these opportunities.

8. Special Voting Opportunities

- a) The Chief Election Officer is hereby authorized to establish special voting opportunities for each election and designate the voting hours and locations for these opportunities.
- b) The Chief Election Officer is hereby authorized to set restrictions on who may vote at each Special Voting Opportunity and to set procedures in relation to the Special Voting Opportunity.

9. Mail Ballot Voting

- a) Voting by mail ballot is hereby authorized and elector registration may be done in conjunction with this voting.
- b) The chief election officer is hereby authorized to set procedures, time limits and delivery limits in relation to voting by mail ballot.
- c) A person wishing to vote by mail ballot must apply to the chief election officer in writing on the form provided.

10. Resolution of the 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 the *Local Government Act*

**11. Severance**

If any section, subsection, clause or other part of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw

READ A FIRST TIME the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

READ A SECOND TIME the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

READ A THIRD TIME the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

ADOPTED the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Hartke", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "PRESIDING MEMBER" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ceri Marlo", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "CORPORATE OFFICER" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.