

DISTRICT OF INVERMERE

BYLAW NO. 1490, 2015

A bylaw to provide for procedures to conduct local government elections and other voting.

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

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 assent voting;

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of Invermere, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 1490, 2015."

2. Bylaw No. 1131, 2002 is amended by adding the following

6. SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

- (a) To give electors who may otherwise be unable to vote an opportunity to do so, the Council will provide a special voting opportunities as authorized under Section 99 of the *Local Government Act* for each election and authorizes the Chief Election Officer to establish special voting opportunities for each election and to designate the locations, the date(s) and the voting hours within the limits set out in Section 99 of the *Local Government Act*, for the special voting opportunities.
- (b) Only electors residing at designated locations may vote at the special voting opportunities.
- (c) The following procedures for voting and conducting the voting proceedings apply to the special voting opportunities:
 - (i) All electors of these facilities must provide two (2) pieces of identification and demonstrate residency.
 - (ii) Bedside voting may only occur with the assistance of the elections clerk.
 - (iii) No other party may be present or adjacent to the voter unless approved by the Chief Election Officer or designated election official.
- (d) One candidate representative, agreed to by all candidates, may be present at special voting opportunities.

7. MAIL BALLOT VOTING

- (a) 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 paragraph (b).
- (b) The following electors are permitted to vote by mail ballot and to register to vote by mail:
 - (i) those persons who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity;
 - (ii) persons who expect to be absent from the Invermere on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities;
- (c) The following procedures for voting and registration 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 *Local Government 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 *Local Government Act*, until 4:30 pm 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 *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.

Read a First Time this 27th day of January, 2015.
Read a Second Time this 27th day of January, 2015.
Read a Third Time this 27th day of January, 2015.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2015.

signed "Gerry Taft"

signed "Chris Prosser"

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 1490, 2015
this _____ day of _____, _____.

Corporate Officer