



SD42 BYLAW 1

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS BYLAW (2026)

A bylaw to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

The Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) wishes to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) in an open meeting, hereby enacts this Trustee Elections Bylaw (2026).

1. Scope of Bylaw

This bylaw applies to both general school elections and by-elections.

2. Trustee Electoral Areas

In School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows), trustee elections are held in the following trustee electoral areas:

TEA #	Trustee Electoral Area Description	Number of Trustees
1	Municipality of Maple Ridge	Five (5)
2	Municipality of Pitt Meadows	Two (2)

3. Definitions

Terms used in this bylaw shall have the meanings assigned by the School Act, the [Local Government Act](#), and the [Local Elections Campaign Financing Act](#) except as the context indicates otherwise.

“**Board**” means the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows).

“**By-election**” means a trustee election other than one conducted as part of a general school election, to fill a vacancy on the Board in any of the circumstances described in section 36 of the School Act.

“**Chief Election Officer**” means the person appointed to perform the duties of chief election officer under the applicable legislation.

“**Local government**” means, as applicable, the City of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows.

“**Minister**” means the Minister of Education and Child Care.

4. Application of Local Government Bylaws

In Trustee Electoral Area 1, the election bylaws of the City of Maple Ridge apply to trustee elections conducted by the City of Maple Ridge, except for bylaws determining the minimum number of nominators, the order of names on the ballot, the resolution of tie votes after judicial recount, requiring a nomination deposit, or any other matter on which local government bylaws may not by law apply to a trustee election.

In Trustee Electoral Area 2, the election bylaws of the City of Pitt Meadows apply to trustee elections conducted by the City of Pitt Meadows, except for bylaws determining the minimum number of nominators, the order of names on the ballot, the resolution of tie votes after judicial recount, requiring a nomination deposit, or any other matter on which local government bylaws may not by law apply to a trustee election.

5. Required Advance Voting Opportunities

Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement by Order of the Minister, an advance voting opportunity will be held on the tenth day before general voting day.

Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement for an additional advance voting opportunity by Order of the Minister, an additional advance voting opportunity will be held:

- in Trustee Electoral Area 1, on the date specified in the bylaws of the City of Maple Ridge; and
- in Trustee Electoral Area 2, on the date specified in the bylaws of the City of Pitt Meadows.

6. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

The Chief Election Officer may establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election and may designate the voting places and voting hours for these voting opportunities.

7. Additional General Voting Opportunities

The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each election and to designate the voting places and voting hours for such voting opportunities, within the limits set out in the Local Government Act.

8. Order of Names on the Ballot

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be alphabetical by last name.

9. Resolution of Tie Vote After Judicial Recount

In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by lot in accordance with the Local Government Act.

10. Nomination Deposit

No nomination deposit is required for nomination for the office of school trustee.

11. Number of Nominators

The minimum number of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate in each trustee electoral area is two (2).

12. Title

This bylaw may be cited as "Bylaw 1 – Trustee Elections Bylaw (2026)."

13. Repeal

School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2021/22 is repealed.

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Date of second reading: April 15, 2026

Date of third reading and adoption: April 15, 2026

(Original signed by Elaine Yamamoto)
Chairperson of the Board

(Corporate seal)

(Original signed by Richard Rennie)
Secretary Treasurer