

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS BYLAW NO. 1-2021/22
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 42
(MAPLE RIDGE – PITT MEADOWS)

A bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of general school elections and other trustee elections.

Preamble:

Under the *School Act*, the board of education may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of trustee elections.

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

TEA No.	Trustee electoral area description:	Authority	Number of trustees
1	<i>Municipality of Maple Ridge</i>	Municipal Council of the City of Maple Ridge	<i>Five</i>
2	<i>Municipality of Pitt Meadows</i>	City Council of the City of Pitt Meadows	<i>Two</i>

The board of education wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under the authority of the *School Act* for trustee elections.

The board of education, in an open meeting of the board, enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

The terms used 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" or "school board" means the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows).

"By-election" means a trustee election to fill a vacancy on the school board in any of the circumstances described in section 36 of the *School Act*.

"Election" means a trustee election.

"General Voting Day" means the date on which general voting for a trustee election is to take place, whether part of the general school elections or a by-election.

"Minister" means the Minister of Education

2. Application

This bylaw applies to both general school elections and by-elections, except as otherwise indicated.

3. Required Advance Voting Opportunities

- 3.1 Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement by Order of the Minister of Education, an advance voting opportunity will be held on the tenth day before general voting day.
- 3.2 Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement for a second advance voting opportunity by Order of the Minister of Education a second advance voting opportunity will be held on:
 - i. in *Trustee Electoral Area 1, a municipal TEA*, the date specified in the bylaws of the *Municipality of the City of Maple Ridge*
 - ii. in *Trustee Electoral Area 2, a municipal TEA*, the date specified in the bylaws of the *Municipality of the City of Pitt Meadows*

4. Order of Names on the Ballot

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

5. 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*.

6. Number of Nominators

For certainty, the minimum numbers of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate in *Trustee Electoral Area 1* is two. The minimum number of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate in *Trustee Electoral Area 2* is two.

7. Access to Candidate Nomination Documents

The Board authorizes the chief election officer to make nomination documents of trustee candidates available for public inspection, during regular office hours, via the internet or other electronic means until 30 days after declaration of the election results.

8. Application of Local Government Bylaws

- (a) In *Trustee Electoral Area No.1* the election bylaws of the Municipality of the City of Maple Ridge apply to trustee elections conducted by the Municipality of 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 the local government bylaws may not by law apply to a trustee election.

(b) In *Trustee Electoral Area No.2* the election bylaws of the Municipality of the City of Pitt Meadows apply to trustee elections conducted by the Municipality of 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 the local government bylaws may not by law apply to a trustee election.

9. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

The chief election officer is authorized to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election and to designate the voting places, establish the date and the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

10. 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, within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act*, for such voting opportunities.

11. Number of Scrutineers at Voting Places

The number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is a maximum of one scrutineer for each ballot box in use.

12. Title

This bylaw may be cited as "The Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2021/22."

13. Repeal


School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2017/18 is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2022

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2022

READ A THIRD TIME AND ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2022

(Corporate seal)



Chairperson of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer