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Consolidated as of May 30, 2022

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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 assent voting;

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

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Langley in an open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Title

This bylaw shall be cited as the "Election & Assent Voting Procedure Bylaw, 2014, No. 2942".

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

As authorized under section 76 of the *Local Government Act*, for the purposes of all local elections and assent voting under Parts 3 and 4 of the *Local Government Act*, the most current available Provincial list of voters prepared under the *Election Act*, shall become the register of resident electors on the 52nd day prior to the general voting day for such elections and submissions to the electors.

3. Minimum Number of Nominators

(1) As authorized in Section 86 of the *Local Government Act*, the minimum number of qualified nominators for the offices of mayor and councillor shall be ten (10).

4. Nomination Deposits

- (1) As authorized in section 88 of the *Local Government Act*, nominations for Mayor or Councillor must be accompanied by a nomination deposit.
- (2) The amount of the nomination deposit required under section 3.1 of this bylaw shall be \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars).

5. Access to Nomination and Endorsement Documents

- (1) As authorized under section 89(8) of the *Local Government Act*, public access to nomination documents will be provided via the Internet or by other electronic means from the time of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of the election or other assent voting results.

As authorized under sections 89 and 93 of the *Local Government Act*, public access to elector organization endorsement documents will be provided via the Internet or by other electronic means from the time of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of the election or other assent voting results.

4. Required Advance Voting Opportunities

- (1) As provided under Section 107 of the *Local Government Act*, required advance voting opportunities will be held for elections and assent voting as follows:
 - (a) on the 10th day before general voting day; and
 - (b) on the 3rd day before general voting day.
 - (c) Voting hours for these advance voting opportunities are from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (2) As authorized under section 107 of the *Local Government Act*, the council authorizes the chief election officer to designate voting places for the required advance voting opportunities.

5. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

- (1) The following days shall be established as additional advance voting opportunities for elections and assent voting:
 - (a) on the 11th day before general voting day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
 - (b) on the 9th day before general voting day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; and
- (2) As authorized under section 108 of the *Local Government Act*, the council authorizes the chief election officer to designate voting places for the additional advance voting opportunities.

6. Special Voting Opportunity

- (1) As authorized under section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, a special voting opportunity will be provided and the chief election officer is hereby authorized to establish the date, location and voting hours within the limits set out in section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, for the special voting opportunity.
- (2) The following restrictions apply as to who may vote at the special voting opportunity:
 - (a) The only electors who may vote are electors who, on the date on which the special voting opportunity is held and before the end of the voting hours for that special voting opportunity, are residents of the Langley Lions Senior Citizens Housing Facility located within the City of Langley.
- (3) The following procedures for voting and for conducting the voting proceedings apply to the special voting opportunity:
 - (a) All voting procedures are as per normal.
 - (b) Upon completion of the marking of the ballot it is to be deposited by the elector in the ballot box supplied by the presiding election official.
 - (c) Upon completion of the special voting the ballot box is to be sealed until the time of counting.
 - (d) The chief election officer is authorized to limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity.

7. Additional General Voting Opportunities

As authorized under section 106 of the *Local Government Act*, additional voting opportunities for general voting day may be provided and the chief election officer is hereby authorized to designate the voting places and set the voting hours within the limits set out in section 106 of the *Local Government Act*, for the additional general voting opportunities.

8. Mail Ballot Voting

- (1) As authorized under section 110 of the *Local Government Act*, voting may be done by mail ballot and registration of electors may be done by mail in conjunction with mail ballot voting.
- (2) The following procedures for voting and registration must apply:
 - (a) Sufficient records shall 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 126 of the *Local Government Act*;

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- (b) The time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot shall be determined by the chief election officer.
 - (c) 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 and it is the obligation of the person applying to vote by mail ballot to ensure that the mail ballot is received by the chief election officer within this time limit.

9. Resolution Of Tie Votes 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 section 151 of the Local Government Act.

10. Repeal

The “Election Procedure Bylaw, 1993, No. 1942” and all amendments thereto are repealed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD time this 7th day of July, 2014.

ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2014.

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

BYLAW No. 2942

The purpose of Bylaw No. 2942 is to replace the Election Procedure Bylaw No. 1942 to reflect the new legislation adopted in 2014 with respect to Candidate and Elector Organization Endorsement documents. The remainder of the bylaw has been revised to update the recommended language used throughout the bylaw.