

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (CHILLIWACK) Board Bylaws



BYLAW 2 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

A BYLAW OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (Chilliwack) (hereinafter called "the Board") to establish procedures for the conduct of general school elections and by-law elections for trustees.

WHEREAS under the *School Act* a Board of Education may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of trustee elections.

In School District No. 33 (Chilliwack), trustees are elected at large and elections are held in the following trustee electoral areas:

Trustee electoral area description:	# of trustees
City of Chilliwack	7
Electoral Area D, Fraser Valley Regional District	
Electoral Area E, Fraser Valley Regional District	
Electoral Area H, Fraser Valley Regional District	

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

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

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

1. Definitions:

The 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. 33 (Chilliwack);

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

"Chief Election Officer" means the person appointed to perform the duties of chief election officer as set out in the *School Act*, *Local Government Act* and *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

"City" means the City of Chilliwack;

"Election" means a trustee election including general school elections and by-elections;

"FVRD" Fraser Valley Regional District;

“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.

2. **Scope of Bylaw**

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

3. **Voters List**

Voting in a trustee election shall be limited to only those electors registering to vote at the time of voting.

4. **Application of Local Government Bylaws**

For purposes of harmonizing trustee elections with local government elections, the election bylaws of the City, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to trustee elections conducted by the City on behalf of the Board, except for those sections of the 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.

5. **Order of Names on the Ballot**

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

6. **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*.

7. **Number of Nominators**

The minimum number of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate is two.

8. **Access to Candidate Nomination Documents and Campaign Financing Disclosure**

a. The Board authorizes public access to nomination documents of the trustee candidates:

- i. During regular office hours at the Board’s office from the time the nomination documents are delivered until 30 days after declaration of the election results; and
- ii. Through internet access or other electronic means until 30 days after declaration of the election results, except that that public access by the means set out in this subparagraph may not include the residential address of the person nominated, other than the municipality, electoral area or treaty lands in which the person is resident.

b. The Board will make available to the public by internet access, without charge, during the regular office hours of the Board’s head office, access to the disclosure statements or supplementary reports required to be made available by the BC chief electoral officer on an Elections BC authorized website, other than:

- i. a mailing address or residential address of a significant contributor, or
- ii. a telephone number, mailing address, or residential address of a candidate,

until 5 years after general voting day for the election to which the trustee’s disclosure statements and supplementary reports relate.

9. **Title**
This bylaw is sited as School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Trustee Elections Bylaw 2.
10. **Repeal**
School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) Trustee Elections Bylaw 2, adopted on June 1, 2021, is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 19th day of May, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME THE 16th day of June, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME, RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THE 16th day of June, 2026



Board Chair



Secretary Treasurer