

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY
GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION BYLAW 2010 NO. 4844

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Bylaw No. 4844 provides for the determination of procedures for the conduct of local government elections, by-elections, and other voting pursuant to Part 3 of the *Local Government Act*.

Amending Bylaw No. 5083 – adopted July 14, 2014

Bylaw 2014 No. 5083 amends the General Local Government Election Bylaw 2010 No. 4844 by:

- Clarifying the Special Voting Places by adding a definition of “Long Term Care Facilities”;
- Deleting section 6 (Order of Names on Ballot) which then by default, places the names of Candidates for the office of Mayor and Councillor, in alphabetical order. The order of names for the School Trustee candidate will be by lot unless they change their bylaw;
- Clarifying the public access to Nomination Documents; and
- Deleting the section dealing with access to Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements as this function will now be administered by Elections BC. The Township’s webpage will provide a link to the Elections BC website for Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements.

Amending Bylaw No. 5371 – adopted June 11, 2018

Bylaw 2018 No. 5371 amends the General Local Government Election Bylaw 2010 No. 4844 by:

- Updating section numbers of the Local Government Act referenced;
- Limiting registration of electors to registration at the time of voting – previously this only applied to by-elections;
- Updating section 6 to have order of candidates on the ballots determined by lot.
- Updating section 7 c) to incorporate changes as a result of the adoption of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

Amending Bylaw No. 5766 – adopted February 28, 2022

Bylaw No. 5766 amends the General Local Government Election Bylaw to include an option for electors to vote by using a mail ballot.

Amending Bylaw No. 5846 – adopted March 13, 2023

Bylaw No. 5846 amends Bylaw No. 4844 to redact the address of the candidates and nominators from the Nomination forms posted on the Township website.

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WHEREAS, the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Langley enacts the following:

Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “General Local Government Election Bylaw 2010 No. 4844”.

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

2. In order to provide automatic registration by inclusion on the Provincial list of voters:
 - a) the most current available list of voters prepared under the *Election Act*, existing at the time an election or other voting is to be held is the register of resident electors;
 - b) the Provincial list of voters becomes the register of resident electors 52 days before general voting day for each election or other voting.
 - c) the Chief Election Officer is authorized, under section 69 of the *Local Government Act* (the Act), to limit registration of electors to registration at the time of voting.

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Required Additional Advance Voting Opportunity

3. The date and location for the required additional advance voting opportunity will be set by the Chief Election Officer.

Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

4. The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish dates for additional advance voting opportunities in advance of general voting day, to designate the voting places, and set the voting hours for such voting opportunities.

Special Voting Opportunities

5. The Chief Election Officer is authorized, under section 69 of the Local Government Act (the Act), to limit registration of electors to registration at the time of voting.
 - a) to establish special voting opportunities for each election in any or all of the hospitals or long-term care facilities, including a location outside the boundaries of the municipality in accordance with section 109 of the *Act*.
 - b) to designate the location, the date, and the voting hours for the special voting opportunity.

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- c) to apply the following restrictions to those who may vote at special voting opportunities:
 - (i) in the case of Langley Memorial Hospital, only eligible electors, who on the date on which the special voting opportunity is held, have been admitted as patients to the hospital;
 - (ii) in the case of long term facilities, only eligible electors who, on the date on which the special voting opportunity is held, have been registered as residents of the institution; and
 - (iii) employees of the long term facilities and/or hospital(s) who are eligible to vote in the Township of Langley.
- d) designate election officials to conduct the special voting opportunity by providing the ballot box and necessary supplies to enable such electors to vote.
- e) to limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity.
- f) "Long Term Care Facilities" includes extended care institutions as well as retirement living complexes with independent living facilities that provides a common eating area for residents of the facility as an integral part of the facility.

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Order of Names on Ballot

- 6. The order of names on the ballots for candidates is to be determined by lot. The procedure for conduct and determination will be as set out in section 117 of the Local Government Act.

Access to Documents

7. Access to Nomination Documents

- a) "As authorized under section 89 of the Act, public access to nomination documents will be available for inspection at the Township of Langley Civic Facility during regular business hours upon request by any person and by posting the nomination documents on the Township of Langley's website from the time of delivery of the nomination documents to the Chief Election Officer until 30 days after the declaration of the election results.
- b) The signature, but not the name, of the nominators of a candidate will be redacted from the nomination papers that appear on the Township's website."
- c) The residential addresses of candidates and nominators of candidates will be redacted and replaced with the community in which they live on the nomination papers that are posted on the Township's website.

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Access to Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements

- a) As authorized by section 59 of Local Elections Campaign Financing Act, "Public access to disclosure information – local authority responsibilities", public access to signed declarations, and supplementary reports will be provided by making

copies available at the Township of Langley Civic Facility during regular business hours and by providing a hyperlink on the Township of Langley's website to the Elections BC website.

Number of Voting Places

- 8. The Chief Election Officer may determine the number of voting places to be utilized for elections, by-elections, and other voting purposes.

Tie Vote

- 9. Upon completion of a mandatory judicial recount, if two or more candidates have an equal number of votes, the result of the election will be determined by lot in accordance with section 151 of the Act.

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Repeal of Bylaw No. 4672

- 10. Township of Langley Local Government Election Bylaw 2008 No. 4672 is hereby repealed.

Vote by Mail

11. Mail Ballot Voting

- a) That all eligible electors, as defined by the Local Government Act, may vote using a mail ballot option, and are permitted elector registration in conjunction with this voting method.
- b) The Chief Election Officer has the sole discretion to establish time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot.
- c) The Chief Election Officer has the sole discretion to establish procedures for voting, processing and securing mail ballots.

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READ A FIRST TIME the 04 day of October , 2010
READ A SECOND TIME the 04 day of October , 2010
READ A THIRD TIME the 04 day of October , 2010
RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED the 18 day of October , 2010

 "W. RICK GREEN" Mayor "SUSAN PALMER" Deputy Township Clerk