



THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION BYLAW

BYLAW 6876

Effective Date – July 8, 1996

CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY

This is a consolidation of the bylaws below. The amending bylaws have been combined with the original bylaw for convenience only. This consolidation is not a legal document. Certified copies of the original bylaws should be consulted for all interpretations and applications of the bylaw on this subject.

Original Bylaw	Date of Adoption
Bylaw 6876	July 8, 1996
Amending Bylaw	Date of Adoption
Bylaw 7315	March 25, 2002
Bylaw 7729	July 14, 2008
Bylaw 7891	June 20, 2011
Bylaw 8069	July 7, 2014
Bylaw 8567	June 13, 2022

The bylaw numbers in the margin of this consolidation refer to the bylaws that amended the principal bylaw (General Local Election Bylaw – Bylaw 6876). The number of any amending bylaw that has been repealed is not referred to in this consolidation.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

BYLAW 6876

A bylaw to provide for the determination of procedures for the conduct of local government elections and other voting.

(8567)

The Council for The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver enacts the following:

Title

1. This bylaw may be cited as "**GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION BYLAW**".

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.

Required advance voting opportunity

3. The additional required advance voting opportunity will be held on the 5th day before general voting day.

(7729)

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 and to designate the voting places, and set the voting hours for such voting opportunities.

Special voting opportunities

5. The chief election officer is authorized
 - 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,
 - b) to designate the location, the date and the voting hours for the special voting opportunity where a poll is established in a hospital or long-term care facility, for any electors who, for the whole of the time the special voting opportunity is available, are patients of a hospital or are residents of a long-term care facility designated as a location for a special voting opportunity; and
 - c) if a patient of the hospital or resident of the long-term care facility who is qualified to vote is bedridden or unable to walk, to designate election officials who may attend with the ballot box on the patient or resident, who shall mark the ballot as far as possible in accordance with this section in the privacy that can be reasonably arranged.

(8567)

- d) to limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity.

Order of name on ballot

6. The order of names of candidates on the ballot must be determined by lot. (7891)

Breaking of tie vote

7. Pursuant to section 151 of the *Local Government Act* if at the completion of a judicial recount the results of the election cannot be declared because there is an equality of valid votes for 2 or more candidates, the results shall be determined by lot. (8567)

Repeal

8. Bylaw 6548 being “Register of Resident Electors Bylaw” and Bylaw 6551 being “1993 General Local Election Bylaw” are hereby repealed.

Mail Ballot Voting

9. (a) As authorized under section 110 of the *Local Government Act*, voting may be done by mail ballot and, in relation to this, elector registration may be done in conjunction with this voting.
- (b) Deleted
- (c) Sufficient record will 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*.
- (d) A person exercising the right to vote by mail under the provisions of section 110 of the *Local Government Act* may be challenged in accordance with and on the grounds specified in section 126 of the *Local Government Act* until 4:30 pm two days before general voting day. (8567)
- (e) The time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot will be determined by the Chief Election Officer.
- (f) As provided in the *Local Government Act*, 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. (7729)

Access to Documents

Access to Nomination Documents

10. (a) As authorized under section 89 of the *Local Government Act*, public access to nomination documents required under section 87 of the *Local Government Act* will be provided by making copies available at District Hall during regular business hours upon request by any person and by posting on the District's website from the time of the delivery of any nomination documents to the Chief Election Officer until 30 days after the declaration of the official election results. (8567)

Access to Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements

- (b) Given that Elections BC is responsible for making local government election campaign financing disclosure statements available to the public, the District will provide a link on its election webpage to the Elections BC local government election campaign financing disclosure statements webpage. (7729, 8069)

Amended by: (7315, 7729, 7891, 8069, 8567)