

BYLAW NO. 1-2026

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 84 (VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST)

A bylaw to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

The Board of Education of School District No. 84 (Vancouver Island West) wishes to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of School District No. 84 (Vancouver Island West), in an open meeting, enacts this Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2026.

1. Scope of Bylaw

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

2. Trustee Electoral Areas

- a. In School District No. 84 (Vancouver Island West), trustee elections are held in the following trustee electoral areas:

TEA #	Trustee electoral area description:	# of trustees
1	Village of Gold River and the Gold River Schools Attendance Area of Electoral Area 'A' (Strathcona Regional District)	2
2	Village of Tahsis and the Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School and Esperanza Elementary Secondary School Attendance Area of Electoral Area 'A' (Strathcona Regional District)	1
3	Village of Zeballos and the Zeballos Elementary Secondary School Attendance Area of Electoral Area 'A' (Strathcona Regional District)	1
4	Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School Attendance Area of Electoral Area 'A' (Strathcona Regional District)	1

3. Definitions

- a. 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 if the context requires otherwise.
- b. "Board" means the Board of Education of School District No. 84 (Vancouver Island West)

"by-election" means a trustee election other than one conducted as part of a general

school election, to fill a vacancy on the Board in any of the circumstances described in section 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*.

“Local government” means, as applicable, the Village of Gold River, the Village of Tahsis, the Village of Zeballos, and Strathcona Regional District.

“Minister” means the Minister of Education and Child Care.

“Regional District” means the Strathcona Regional District.

“School District” means the School District No. 84 (Vancouver Island West).

4. Voters List

- a. The most current available Provincial list of voters prepared under the Election Act is the register of resident electors, except where a trustee election is conducted by a local government, in which case the applicable local government election bylaw applies.

5. Application of Local Government Bylaws

- a. In Trustee Electoral Area #1 the election bylaws of the Village of Gold River apply to trustee elections conducted by the Village of Gold River, 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.
- b. In Trustee Electoral Area #2 the election bylaws of the Village of Tahsis apply to trustee elections conducted by the Village of Tahsis, 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.
- c. In Trustee Electoral Area #3 the election bylaws of the Village of Zeballos apply to trustee elections conducted by the Village of Zeballos, 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.
- d. In Trustee Electoral Area #4, if the Strathcona Regional District conducts all or a part of the trustee election, the election bylaws of Strathcona Regional District, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to that trustee election or part of the trustee election, except for any 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.

6. Required Advance Voting Opportunities

- a. Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement by Order of the Minister, an advance voting opportunity will be held on the tenth day before general voting day. Additional voting days may be available as defined by local government bylaws in each Trustee Electoral area.

7. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

- a. The Chief Election Officer may establish dates for additional advance voting opportunities for each trustee election and may designate the voting places and the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

8. Additional General Voting Opportunities

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

9. Order of Names on the Ballot

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

10. Resolution of Tie Vote after Judicial Recount

- a. 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*.

11. Public Notice Posting Places

- (a) For the purpose of trustee elections conducted by the Board, the following are designated as public notice posting places for the purposes of section 50 of the *Local Government Act*:
 - (i) the notice board located at the main entrance to the Board's head office; and
 - (ii) the local government office in each community within the District.

12. Publication by means other than newspaper

- a. The Board designates the following means of publication of notices required to be published pursuant to section 94.2 of the Community Charter:
 - i. The Board's website at <https://sd84.bc.ca/>; and
 - ii. Official School District social media at <https://www.facebook.com/sd84socialmedia/>.

13. Title

- a. This bylaw may be cited as ‘School District No. 84 (Vancouver Island West) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2026.

14. Repeal

- a. School District No. 84 (Vancouver Island West) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2022 is repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2026;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2026;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2026.



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer