

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ZEBALLOS
BYLAW # 504-2015
GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS BYLAW**

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 other voting;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Village of Zeballos wishes to establish voting procedures and requirements under that authority;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Zeballos, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "*General Local Government Elections Bylaw 504, 2015.*"

2. ACCESS TO NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

As authorized under section 73 of the *Local Government Act*, public access to nomination documents will be made available for public inspection at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – Monday to Friday) from the time of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of the election results under section 136 of the *Local Government Act*.

3. VOTER REGISTRATION

- (a) For the purposes of all elections and other voting under Part 3 and 4 of the *Local Government Act*, a person may register as an elector only at the time of voting.
- (b) Registration as an elector under this bylaw is effective only for the voting or other matters on which the opinion of the electors is being sought at the time of voting.

4. ADDITIONAL ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

- (a) In addition to the required advance voting opportunity on the 10th day immediately preceding General Voting Day from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, the

following days are hereby established as advance voting opportunities for general local elections and other voting:

Five (5) business days preceding General Voting Day on which the Municipal Office is open for regular business between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

- (b) All voting will take place at the Village Office, 157 Maquinna Avenue, Zeballos B.C.

5. MAIL BALLOT VOTING

- (a) As authorized under section 100 of the *Local Government Act*, voting and registration may be done by mail for those electors who meet the criteria in paragraph (b).
- (b) The following electors are permitted to vote by mail ballot and to register to vote by mail:
 - i. those persons who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity.
 - ii. persons who expect to be absent from the Village of Zeballos on general voting day and at the time of the advance voting opportunity;
- (c) The following procedures for voting and registration must apply:
 - i. 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 116 of the *Local Government Act*;
 - ii. a person exercising the right to vote by mail under the provisions of section 100 may be challenged in accordance with, and on the grounds specified in section 116 of the *Local Government Act*.
- (d) The time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot will be determined by the chief election officer.
- (e) 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.

6. NUMBER OF SCRUTINEERS AT VOTING PLACE

As authorized under Section 110(3) of the *Local Government Act*, the number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is one scrutineers for each ballot box in use;

7. 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 conducting a lot in accordance with section 141 of the *Local Government Act*.

8. ACCESS TO CAMPAIGN FINANCING DOCUMENTS

As authorized under section 93 of the *Local Government Act*, public access to disclosure statements, signed declarations, and supplementary reports required under sections 90 and 90.1 of the *Local Government Act* will be made available for public inspection at the Municipal Office during regular office hours from the time of filing until seven (7) years after general voting day for the election to which they relate. A person who inspects or otherwise accesses a document referred to in subsection (1) under this section must not use the information included in it except for the purpose of the following:

- i) this part;
- ii) Division 6 [Conflict of Interest] or Division 7 [Disqualification Of Part 4] of the Community Charter.

READ A FIRST TIME this 20th day of October, 2015

READ A SECOND TIME this 20th day of October, 2015

READ A THIRD TIME this 20th day of October, 2015

ADOPTED this 17 day of November, 2015



Mayor



Corporate Officer