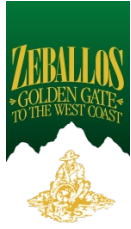




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The Corporation Of The Village Of Zeballos

A Bylaw to Establish Various Procedures for the Conduct of Local Government Elections and Assent Voting

Bylaw #541-2022

WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, (the *Act*), the Council may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied to the conduct of local government elections and assent voting;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to establish voting procedures and requirements under that authority;

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

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Village of Zeballos "Election and Assent Voting Procedures #541-2022".

2. DEFINITIONS

Council means the Mayor and Council of the Village of Zeballos;

CEO means the Chief Election Officer;

DCEO means the Deputy Chief Election Officer;

PEO means the Presiding Election Official.

3. VOTER REGISTRATION

3.1 For the purposes of all elections and assent voting, a person may register as an elector only at the time of voting for both general voting day and advance voting opportunities.

3.2 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 GENERAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

The Council authorizes the CEO to establish additional general voting day opportunities for general voting day and to designate the voting places and set the voting hours.

5. ADDITIONAL ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

The CEO is authorized to establish dates for additional voting opportunities in advance of general voting day and to designate the voting places and set the voting hours for the voting opportunities.

6. MAIL BALLOT VOTING

As authorized under the *Act*, voting may be done by mail ballot and registration of election may be done by mail in conjunction with mail ballot voting.

7. MAIL BALLOT VOTING PROCEDURES

Notwithstanding the requirements under the *Act*, procedures for mail ballot voting are set out in Schedule A to this bylaw.

8. MAIL BALLOT VOTING TIME LIMITS

The CEO is authorized to establish time limits in relation to mail ballot voting.

9. RESOLUTION OF TIE VOTE AFTER JUDICIAL RECOUNT

In the event of a tie vote after the completion of a judicial recount, the results will be determined by lot.

10. REPEAL

The following bylaw, and amendments thereto, are hereby repealed; Village of Zeballos, "*General Local Government Elections Bylaw #504, 2015.*"

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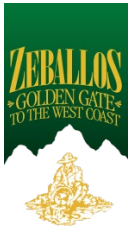
READ a second time on the _____ day of June, 2022.

READ a third time on the _____ day of June, 2022.

ADOPTED on the _____ day of June, 2022.

Corporate Officer

Mayor



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SCHEDULE A

1. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A person wishing to vote by mail ballot shall apply by giving their name and mailing address to the CEO, or designate, and a mail ballot package will be made available to eligible applicants.

2. VOTING PROCEDURE

To vote using a mail ballot, the elector shall mark the ballot in accordance with the instructions contained in the mail ballot package provided by the CEO, or designate. After marking the ballot, the elector shall:

- (a) place the ballot in the secrecy envelope provided and seal the secrecy envelope;
- (b) place the sealed secrecy envelope in the return envelope; complete and sign the Qualification Check List / Declaration Form; and place the completed form in the return envelope;
- (c) place a completed elector registration application, if required, in the return envelope, and then seal the return envelope;
- (d) mail, or have delivered, the return envelope and its contents to the CEO, or designate at the address specified so that it is received **no later than** the close of voting on general voting day.

3. BALLOT ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION

- (a) Upon receipt of the outer envelope and its contents, the CEO, or designate shall record the date of such receipt and shall then open the return envelope and remove and examine the Qualification / Declaration Form and the completed elector registration application form(s), and determine if the package is accepted or rejected.
- (b) If satisfied as to:
 - i. the identity and entitlement to vote of the elector whose ballot is enclosed;
 - ii. the completeness of the Qualification / Declaration Form; and
 - iii. the fulfilment of the requirements of the *Local Government Act* in the case of a person who is registering as a new elector; thenthe CEO, or designate, shall mark the return envelope as "accepted", and shall place the secrecy envelope in a ballot box in accordance with the *Act*.

- (c) At the close of general voting, the ballot box shall be opened under the supervision of the CEO, or designate, and in the presence of at least one (1) other person and any scrutineers present.
- (d) Rejected secrecy envelopes and their contents shall remain unopened and be subject to the retention and destruction of election materials as per the *Act*.

4. CHALLENGE OF ELECTOR

Sufficient records will be kept by the CEO so that challenges of the elector's right to vote may be made in accordance with the intent of the *Act*.