

BYLAW NO. 3

BYLAW 3 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

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

The Board of Education of School District No. 57 (Prince George) wishes to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of School District No. 57 (Prince George), in an open meeting, enacts this Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 3.

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 57 (Prince George) Trustee Elections Bylaw 3.

2. TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREAS

TEA #	Trustee Electoral Area Description	# of Trustees
1	Prince George Trustee Electoral area	5
2	Mackenzie Trustee Electoral Area	1
3	Robson Valley Trustee Electoral Area, being Electoral Area H of Fraser Fort George Regional District	1

3. DEFINITIONS

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.

"**Board**" means the Board of Education of School District No. 57 (Prince George).

"**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 and Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

"**Election**" means a trustee election or a trustee by-election.

"**General Voting Day**" means the date on which general voting for a trustee election is to take place, whether part of the general school elections or a by-election.



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"Local government" means, as applicable, the City of Prince George, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, the District of Mackenzie, the Corporation of the Village of McBride and/or the Corporation of the Village of Valemount.

"Minister" means the Minister of Education and Child Care.

"School District" means School District No.57 (Prince George)

4. SCOPE OF THE BYLAW

This bylaw applies to both general elections and By-elections as otherwise indicated in this bylaw.

5. APPLICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYLAWS

Where the Board enters into an agreement with a local government under Section 38(4) of the *School Act*, under which all or part of a school trustee election is conducted by the local government in conjunction with a local government election, the elections bylaws of the local government, as they may be amended from time to time, 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 apply to a trustee election, apply to any trustee election carried out under that agreement, to the extent authorized by Section 38(5) of the *School Act*, in accordance with the following:

Trustee Electoral Area No. 1 (Prince George Trustee Electoral Area): If the City of Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George conducts all or a part of the trustee election, the election bylaws of the City of Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to that trustee election or part of the trustee election conducted by the respective local governments; and

Trustee Electoral Area No. 2 (Mackenzie Trustee Electoral Area): If the District of Mackenzie and/or the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George conducts all or a part of the trustee election, the election bylaws of the District of Mackenzie and/or the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to that trustee election or part of the trustee election conducted by the respective local governments; and

Trustee Electoral Area No. 3 (Robson Valley Electoral Area): If the Corporation of the Village of McBride and/or the Corporation of the Village of Valemount and/or the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George conducts all or part of the trustee election, the election bylaws of the Corporation of the Village of McBride and/or the Corporation of the Village of Valemount, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to that trustee election or part of the trustee election conducted by the respective local governments.



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6. PUBLIC NOTICE POSTING PLACES

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 Board office entryway
- ii) and the school entrances in Beaverly, Buckhorn, Hixon, Mackenzie, McBride, Nukko Lake and Valemount.

7. PUBLICATION BY MEANS OTHER THAN NEWSPAPER

Rather than publishing the public notice in accordance with Section 94.1 of the Community Charter, the Board will instead publish the public notice by posting to the Public Notice Posting Places and by the following two (2) additional means of publication:

- i) on the school district website at www.sd57.bc.ca
- ii) on the School District No. 57 Facebook page

8. MINIMUM NUMBER OF NOMINATORS

The minimum numbers of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate is two.

9. NOMINATION DEPOSIT

No nomination deposit is required for nomination for the office of school trustee.

10. ORDER OF NAMES ON THE BALLOT

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be alphabetical by surname.

11. REQUIRED ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

When all or part of a trustee election is being conducted by a local government, an additional advance voting opportunity will be held on the date specified in the bylaws of the applicable local government, and where none is stated, three days prior to the general voting day. If the Board is conducting a trustee election, unless the Board is exempted from the requirement for an additional advance voting opportunity by Order of the Minister or unless the Trustee Electoral Area has a population of 5000 persons or less, an additional advance voting opportunity will be held on the third day before general voting day.



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12. VOTERS' LISTS

Voting in a Trustee election shall be limited to only those electors registering to vote at the time of voting.

13. MAIL BALLOT VOTING

Where the Board carries out a trustee election, there shall be no mail ballot voting.

Where a local government carries out a trustee election, the bylaws of the local government shall apply for the purpose of mail ballot voting.

14. RESOLUTION OF TIE VOTES AFTER JUDICIAL RECOUNT

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*.

15. WEBSITE ACCESS TO CANDIDATE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

- a. The Board authorizes public access to nomination documents of the trustee candidates during the regular office hours at the Board's office from the time the nomination documents are delivered until 30 days after declaration of the election results.
- b. The Board authorizes posting of nomination documents of trustee candidates on the website of School District No. 57 (Prince George) until 30 days after declaration of the election results except that public access by the means set out in this paragraph may not include the residential address of the person nominated, other than the municipality, electoral area or treaty lands in which the person is resident.
- c. The Board will make available to the public by internet access, without charge, during the regular office hours of the Board's office, access to the disclosure statements or supplementary reports required to be made available by the BC chief electoral officer on an Elections BC authorized website, other than:
 - i) a mailing address or residential address of a significant contributor, or
 - ii) a telephone number, mailing address, or residential address of a candidate,

until 5 years after general voting day for the election to which the trustee's disclosure statements and supplementary reports relate.



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- d. Before providing the services under Section 15, other than to a Board officer or employee acting in the course of their duties, the Board may require the person requesting the service to:
- i) satisfy to a Board official that any purpose for which personal information is to be used is permitted by the *Local Government Act* and Section 63 of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, and;
 - ii) provide a signed statement that the individual; and, if applicable, any individual or organization on whose behalf the first individual is accessing, inspecting or obtaining the copy or other record;

will not use personal information included in the copy or other record except for a purpose permitted under the *Local Government Act* or the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

16. REPEAL

School District No. 57 Bylaw No. 3 Elections dated June 22, 2022 is hereby repealed.

Read a first time the 22 day of June, 2026.

Read a second time the 22 day of June, 2026.

Read a third time, passed and adopted the 22 day of June, 2026.

Original signed by Craig Brennan
Board Chair

Original signed by Lynda Minnabarriet
Secretary Treasurer

