

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 424

A bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and other voting; and to repeal and replace Central Coast Regional District Elections Bylaw No. 349, 2002, Central Coast Regional District Election Amendment Bylaw No 376, 2005, Central Coast Regional District Election Amendment Bylaw No 393, 2008 and Central Coast Regional District Election Amendment Bylaw No 404, 2011.

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Central Coast Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

I. Definitions, in this bylaw:

“Resident Elector” means a person who, at the relevant time, meets the qualifications for registration under Section 50 as a resident elector of the electoral area;

“Election” means an election for the number of persons required to fill a local government office;

“General local election” means the elections for Electoral Area Directors for Electoral Areas A, B, C, D and E of the regional district which must be held in the year 2014 and every 4th year after that;

“General voting day” means:

- a) for a general local election – must be the third Saturday of November in the year of the election; or as stated under Section 36(2) of the *Local Government Act*;
- b) for other elections – the date set under Sections 37(5) and 38 of the *Local Government Act*;
- c) for other voting – the date set under Section 162 of the *Local Government Act*

“Local Government” means the board of the Central Coast Regional District;

“Assent Voting” means:

- a) voting on a bylaw or other matter for which assent of the electors is required;
- b) voting on a referendum or other matter as set out in Section 158 of the *Local Government Act*

2. Register of Resident Electors:

For the purposes of all local elections and submissions to the electors under Part 3 and 4 of the *Local Government Act*, the most current available Provincial list of voters, prepared under the *Election Act*, shall become the register of resident electors no later than 52 days prior to the general voting day for such elections and submissions to the electors. Resident electors not appearing on the list must complete registration at the time of voting.

3. Additional General Voting Opportunities:

- a) The regional board authorizes the chief election officer (CEO) to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day, and to designate the voting places and voting hours, within the limits set out in Section 96 of the *Local Government Act*, for such voting opportunities.

4. Advance Voting Opportunities:

- a) An Advance Poll shall be opened by the chief election officer at the office of the Central Coast Regional District or at designated locations within the Regional District from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm on the 10th day before general voting day.
- b) Required second advance voting opportunity referred to in Section 97 (2)(b) of the *Local Government Act* will not be held pursuant to Section 97 (3) of the *Local Government Act*.

5. Special Voting Opportunities:

Special opportunities as referred to in Section 99 of the *Local Government Act* do not apply.

6. 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 criteria in item 6. b) for each election (or specified election) (or other voting);
- b) as provided in the *Local Government Act*, only those persons who reside in Electoral Areas A and B may register and vote by mail ballot;
- c) the procedures for voting (and registration) by mail ballot will be determined in accordance with provisions as specified collectively by the chief and deputy elections officers;
- d) the time limits in relation to voting (and registration) by mail ballot will be determined by the chief election officer;
- e) as provided in Section 100 (9) of 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.

7. Order of Names on Ballot:

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be arranged alphabetically by their surnames in accordance with Section 106 of the *Local Government Act*.

8. Number of Scrutineers at Voting Places:

As authorized under Section 110 (2)(d) of the *Local Government Act*, the number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is a maximum of one (1) scrutineer for each ballot box in use.

9. Resolution of Tie Votes after Judicial Recount:

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 will be determined by lot in accordance with Section 141 of the *Local Government Act*.

- 10.** Central Coast Regional District Elections Bylaw No. 349,2002, Central Coast Regional District Election Amendment Bylaw No 376, 2005, Central Coast Regional District Election Amendment Bylaw No 393, 2008 and Central Coast Regional District Election Amendment Bylaw No 404, 2011 are hereby repealed.

11. Citation:

This bylaw may be cited as "*Central Coast Regional District Elections Bylaw No. 424, 2014*."

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READ a FIRST TIME this 12th day of June, 2014.

READ a SECOND TIME this 12th day of June, 2014.

READ a THIRD TIME this 10th day of July, 2014.

RECONSIDERED and ADOPTED this 10th day of July, 2014.



Chair



Secretary

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Secretary