

# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN

## BYLAW NO. 840

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### A bylaw to establish various procedures for the conduct of elections and other voting in the Regional District of Central Okanagan

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WHEREAS under the *Municipal Act*, the regional 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 regional board wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under that authority;

NOW THEREFORE, the Regional Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan in open meeting assembled:

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw:

**Elector** means a resident elector or non-resident property elector of an electoral area of the Regional District of Central Okanagan as defined in the *Municipal Act*;

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

**General voting day** means,

- (a) for a general local election, the 3rd Saturday of November in the year of the election,
- (b) for other elections, the date set under sections 37, 38 or 142 of the *Municipal Act*,
- (c) for other voting, the date set under section 162 of the *Municipal Act*;

**Local government** means the regional district board;

**Other voting** means voting on a matter referred to in section 158 of the *Municipal Act* and includes voting on a referendum under section 802 of that *Act*.

- 1.1 Except as provided in Section 1., all words, terms and expressions used in this bylaw shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions in the *Municipal Act*.

2. **VOTING DAY REGISTRATION ONLY**

- (a) As authorized in section 54 of the *Municipal Act*, registration of electors for all elections and other voting under Part 3 and 4 is hereby limited to registration at the time of voting, including registration at the required advance voting opportunities, additional general voting opportunities and special voting opportunities;
- (b) Registration as an elector under 2.(a) is effective only for the election or other voting for which the voting is being conducted at that time.

3. **ADDITIONAL GENERAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES**

In accordance with section 96 of the *Municipal Act*, the chief election officer is authorized to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each election or other voting, as required, and to designate the voting places and set the voting hours, within the limits set out in section 96(2) of the *Municipal Act*, for such voting opportunities.

4. **REQUIRED ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES**

In addition to the requirement in Section 97 of the *Municipal Act* to hold an advance voting opportunity on the 10<sup>th</sup> day before general voting day, the Board hereby establishes the second day of required advance voting to be held on the Tuesday immediately preceding general voting day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., at voting places designated by the chief election officer.

5. **SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES**

- a) To give electors who may otherwise be unable to vote an opportunity to do so, a special voting opportunity in accordance with section 99 of the *Municipal Act* will be held as required, for each election.
- b) The chief election officer is authorized to establish a special voting opportunity for each election and to designate the location, the date and the voting hours within the limits set out in section 99 of the *Municipal Act*, for special voting opportunities.
- c) Voting procedures and conducting the voting proceedings for special voting opportunities shall be in accordance with the provisions set out in Part 3 and Part 4 of the *Municipal Act*.

- d) Where a special voting opportunity is held in a care facility or rest home, eligibility to vote is restricted to residents of the facility where the special voting opportunity is conducted, who are qualified resident electors as defined in the Municipal Act.
- e) Where a special voting opportunity is held outside the local government jurisdiction, restrictions will be placed on who can vote at the special voting opportunity in accordance with Section 99(2)(a) of the Municipal Act.

6. 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 conducting a lot in accordance with section 141 of the Municipal Act.

7. **REPEAL**

“The Regional District of Central Okanagan Election Procedures Bylaw No. 567, 1993, is hereby repealed in its entirety.”

8. **CITATION**

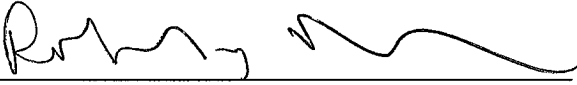
This bylaw may be cited as “Regional District of Central Okanagan General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 840, 1999.”


READ A FIRST TIME THIS 28th DAY OF June, 1999.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 28th DAY OF June, 1999.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 28th DAY OF June, 1999.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF June, 1999.

  
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**CHAIRPERSON**

  
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**SECRETARY**

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 840 cited as Regional District of Central Okanagan General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 840, 1999 as read a third time by the Regional Board on the 28th day of June, 1999.

Dated at Kelowna this  
29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.

  
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**Secretary**

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