

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
ACTION SHEET

DATE: February 11, 2026
TO: Strategic Directions Committee
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2 – Amendment

Recommendation

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) read the amended draft Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2 for a first and second time and then circulate a notice of third reading for 30 days, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 210 – Policy Development.

Background

This action sheet will outline recommended changes to the Trustee Election By-Law. The changes will apply for the October 2026 trustee election.

Discussion

The revised bylaw is based largely on the updated template recently provided by the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA). The primary amendments respond to recent changes to the *Local Government Act* relating to public posting requirements.

The proposed bylaw has been drafted to meet statutory requirements for both general elections and future by-elections, with the goal of ensuring flexibility, transparency, and cost-effectiveness. Key elements include:

- Continuing the practice of same-day voter registration for by-elections.
- Maintaining the Chief Election Officer's discretion to determine advance voting opportunities beyond legislated minimums.
- Clarifying requirements related to the posting of candidate information, including limiting the publication of candidate addresses to general location information only.
- Highlighting that election information will be posted on the district website and individual school websites

The following provisions remain unchanged:

- Deference to municipal and regional district bylaws when those bodies conduct elections on behalf of the district.
- Minimum nomination requirement of two nominators.
- No candidate deposit requirement.
- Existing procedures for breaking a tie vote.
- Ordering of names on the ballot alphabetically by last name.

Appendix A: Revised Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2