

**NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
INFORMATION SHEET**

DATE: December 15, 2021
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: By-Election

Background

This Information Sheet is intended to provide the Board an update on the status of the upcoming by-election.

Information

Nominations

The nomination period closed on December 10, 2021. At the time of closure of nomination there were two duly nominated candidates. The declared candidates are as follows:

1. Naomi Bailey
2. Steven Rae

Candidates have until December 17, 2021 to rescind their nominations.

Voting Opportunities

The District will be offering 10 days of voting in total split between general voting day, advance voting and special voting opportunities. The intention is to provide as many opportunities to vote and in a variety of geographic locations. However, the opportunities on each day will be limited. We have also chosen locations with accessible facilities and where access to the gym (particularly on school days) is well separated from the school. This is to ensure that in the current labour market we are able to properly staff polling station. The opportunities will be as follows:

General Election Day – Saturday, January 15, 2022

Polling stations will be available from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm at the following locations on general election day:

1. Dover Bay Secondary School Gym
2. Nanaimo District Secondary School Gym
3. Ladysmith Secondary Gym
4. Cedar Secondary Gym

Advance Voting Opportunities:

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 and Saturday, January 8, 2022

A polling station will be available at the District Administrative Centre's Board Room from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm for advance voting opportunities.

Special Voting Opportunities

Polling stationing will be available for special voting opportunities at the following locations and times:

1. Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – Gabriola Elementary School Gym (3:00 – 7:00 pm)
2. Thursday, January 6, 2022 – Chase River Elementary Gym (3:00 – 7:00 pm)
3. Friday, January 7, 2022 – DAC Annex/Elections Office (10:00 am – 2:00 pm)
4. Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – Seaview Elementary Gym (3:00 – 7:00 pm)
5. Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – Ladysmith Primary School Gym (3:00 – 7:00 pm)
6. Thursday, January 13, 2022 – Gabriola Elementary School Gym (3:00 – 7:00 pm)
7. Friday, January 14, 2022 – DAC Annex/Elections Office (10:00 am – 2:00 pm)

Voting Rules

All residents of the school district may register and vote at any of the opportunities above by providing identification documents as set out sections 57 or 57.1 of the *Local Government Act*. For more information on voting rules, please visit our district's website.

COVID Protocols

The District will maintain its COVID protocols and will require all electors to be masked the entire time they are within a District facility. Individuals unable to wear a mask will be accommodated at the DAC Annex/Elections Office pre-voting opportunity on January 7th and 14th. Individuals requiring such an accommodation must make an appointment by contacting electionofficers@sd68.bc.ca.

Communication

The information with respect to polling dates and locations, candidates, and voting requirements will be published widely.

Vote Counting

The vote will be counted on election night at the four polling stations. In addition, the ballots from advance and special voting opportunities will be performed at the DAC on the evening of the election, starting at 7:00 pm.

For the most up-to-date information on the By-Election, please visit our district website at www.sd68.bc.ca