

**Board of Education
School District 54 (Bulkley Valley)**

**TRUSTEE ELECTIONS BYLAW NO. 1
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT #54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)**

A bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of general school trustee elections and other trustee elections.

Preamble:

Under the *School Act*, the Board of Education may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of trustee elections.

In School District #54 (*Bulkley Valley*), under section 37 of the *School Act*, trustee elections in the following trustee electoral areas are the primary responsibility of the following authorities:

Trustee Electoral Area	# of Trustees	Authority
Trustee Zone 1 – Lake Kathlyn/Evelyn/Moricetown	one	School Board
Trustee Zone 2 – Smithers/Glentanna/Driftwood	three	School Board
Trustee Zone 3 – Telkwa/Quick	one	School Board
Trustee Zone 4 – Houston	two	School Board

Trustee elections for Zone 2 (Smithers/Glentanna/Driftwood), Zone 3 (Telkwa/Quick) and Zone 4(Houston) are conducted at the same time as general local elections and are customarily carried out by the Town of Smithers/District of Houston/Village of Telkwa and it is the board's expectation that such arrangements are likely to continue under agreements authorized by the *School Act*.

The Board of Education wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under the authority of the *School Act* for trustee elections.

The Board of Education, in an open meeting of the Board enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

The terms used shall have the meanings assigned by the *School Act* and the *Local Government Act*, except as the context indicates otherwise.

“Election” means a trustee election.

“Board or School Board” means the Board of Education of School District #54 (Bulkley Valley).

2. Application

This by-law applies to both general elections and by-elections and to those trustee elections carried out by other authorities, except as otherwise indicated.

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3. Application of Local Government Bylaws

Where the Board enters into an agreement with the Town of Smithers/District of Houston/Village of Telkwa under which the Town of Smithers/District of Houston/Village of Telkwa conducts a trustee election for the School Board, or conducts a trustee election in conjunction with a local government election, the elections bylaws of the Town of Smithers/District of Houston/Village of Telkwa, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to any trustee election carried out under that agreement, except for any bylaws determining the order of names on the ballot or the resolution of tie votes after judicial recount, or any other matter on which the local government bylaws may not by law apply to a trustee election.

4. Order Of Names On The Ballot

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be determined by lot in accordance with Sections 107 of the *Local Government Act*.

5. 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 Section 141 of the *Local Government Act*.

6. Elections Conducted By School Board

The following provisions apply to those trustee elections which the school board conducts on its own behalf.

6.1 Mandatory Advance Voting Opportunities

(a) As authorized by Section 97 (2) and 97 (3) of the *Local Government Act* and Section 45 (1) of the *School Act*, the mandatory advance voting opportunity will be held on the tenth day before general voting day and no other advance voting opportunity will be held.

(b) If an additional advance voting opportunity is required by law, it will be held on 3rd day before general voting day unless dispensed with by order of the Ministry of Education.

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7. Title

This bylaw may be cited as "School District No. 54 (*Bulkley Valley*) Trustee Elections Bylaw No.1".

READ a first time the 26th of August, 2008.

READ a second and third time, passed and adopted the 26th of August, 2008.

Chairperson of the Board

CORPORATE SEAL

Secretary-Treasurer

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of School District No. 54 (*Bulkley Valley*) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1.

Secretary-Treasurer

Amended: August 26, 2008