

# BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 27 (CARIBOO-CHILCOTIN)



## BYLAW B2707-2 TRUSTEE ELECTION AND BY-ELECTIONS

A bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of general school 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 No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), under Section 37 of the School Act, trustee elections in the following trustee electoral areas are the responsibility of the following authorities:

| TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREA (TEA) | GENERAL TEA DESCRIPTION (REFER TO TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREA ORDER FOR SPECIFICS)                                                                                                        | NO. OF TRUSTEES | AUTHORITY                            |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| TEA One                      | Cariboo Regional District Area H and parts of G & L                                                                                                                                  | One (1)         | Board of Education                   |
| TEA Two                      | Most of Cariboo Regional District Area G, part of L surrounding Green Lake, and Thompson Nicola Regional District Area E to 70 Mile, conforming with the southern boundaries of SD27 | One (1)         | Board of Education                   |
| TEA Three                    | District of 100 Mile House                                                                                                                                                           | One (1)         | District of 100 Mile House           |
| TEA Four                     | Cariboo Regional District Area F and part of D that lies within the boundaries of SD27                                                                                               | One (1)         | Board of Education                   |
| TEA Five                     | Cariboo Regional District Area E                                                                                                                                                     | One (1)         | Board of Education                   |
| TEA Six                      | City of Williams Lake                                                                                                                                                                | One (1)         | Council of the City of Williams Lake |
| TEA Seven                    | Cariboo Regional District Areas J & part of K that lie within the boundaries of SD27                                                                                                 | One (1)         | Board of Education                   |

Trustee elections that are the responsibility of the Board may be conducted by the Board directly or by a local government under an agreement with the Board made pursuant to section 38(4) of the School Act.

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Related Legislation: School Act [RSBC 1996, Part 4, Divisions 3-5], and provisions within the Local Government Act [RSBC 2015]

Related Contract Article: Nil Adopted: June 2014

Amended: January 2019

Amended: April 23, 2019

Amended: June 14, 2022

Amended: December 16, 2024

Amended: March 21, 2025

The Board of Education, in an open meeting of the board, enacts the following:

**1. Definitions**

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

**1.1.** “Board” or “School Board” means the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin).

**1.2.** “By-Election” means a trustee election to fill a vacancy on the school board in any of the circumstances in section 36 of the *School Act* occurring.

**1.3.** “Election” means a trustee election.

**1.4.** “General Voting Day” means the date on which general voting for a trustee election is to take place, whether as part of the general school elections or a by-election.

**1.5.** “Minister” means the Minister of Education and Child Care.

**2. Application**

This bylaw applies to general school elections, by-elections, and trustee elections carried out by other authorities, except as otherwise indicated.

**3. Order of Names on the Ballot**

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be arranged alphabetically.

**4. 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 151 the *Local Government Act*.

**5. Number of Nominators Required**

The minimum number of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate is two.

**6. Website Access to Candidate Nomination Documents and Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements**

**6.1.** The Board shall provide public access, during regular office hours at the Board's office, to nomination documents of trustee candidates from the time the documents are delivered until 30 days after the declaration of the election results. The Board authorizes the posting of nomination documents on the website of the Board of Education for that period.

**6.2.** The Board will make available to the public for inspection at the Board's head office, without charge, during the regular office hours of the Board's head office, the trustee candidates' campaign financing disclosure statements and supplementary reports, other than a mailing address or residential address of a significant contributor, until 5 years after general voting day for the election to

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which the trustee's campaign financial disclosure statements and supplementary reports relate.

- 6.3. The Board will, on request, provide a copy or other record of trustee candidates' campaign financing disclosure statements and supplementary reports for as long as they are required to be available to the public under section 6.2 for a fee of \$0.50 per printed side of a page.
- 6.4. All persons or organizations requesting information under section 6 will be advised not to use personal information included in the copy or other record except for a purpose permitted under the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*. The Board may require the persons or organizations requesting the service to satisfy the Board that the purpose for which the personal information is collected is permitted by section 63 of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* and/or require the person or organization to sign a statement to this effect.

## **7. *Required Advance Voting Opportunities***

The following additional provisions apply to trustee elections:

- 7.1. Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement by Order of the Minister of Education and Child Care, an advance voting opportunity will be held on the 10th day before general voting day.
- 7.2. Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement for a second advance voting opportunity by Order of the Minister of Education and Child Care, or unless 7.3 applies, a second advance voting opportunity will be held as established by the Chief Election Officer.
- 7.3. In Trustee Electoral Areas one (1), two (2), four (4), five (5), and seven (7), if the populations of the trustee electoral area are 5,000 or less, the required advance voting opportunity will be held on the tenth day before general voting day and no other advance voting opportunity will be held, except any that are established by the Chief Election Officer.

### **7.4. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities**

The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each TEA where the Board conducts the Election on its own behalf and to designate the voting places and establish the date and voting hours of these voting opportunities.

### **7.5. Additional General Voting Opportunities**

The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each TEA where the Board conducts the Election on its own behalf and to designate the voting places and voting hours within the limits set out in the Local Government Act for such voting opportunities.

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## **7.6. Challenge of Elector**

- 7.6.1.** A person exercising the right to vote under the provisions of this bylaw may be challenged in accordance with and on the grounds specified in section 126 of the Local Government Act until the time the person receives a ballot.

## **7.7. Elector's Name Already Used**

- 7.7.1.** Where, upon receiving a request for a ballot, the Chief Election Officer determines that another person has voted in the elector's name, the provisions of section 127 of the Local Government Act shall apply, so far as applicable.

## **7.8. Replacement of Spoiled Ballot**

- 7.8.1.** Where an elector unintentionally spoils a ballot before it is deposited in the ballot box, the elector may request a replacement ballot by giving the spoiled ballot to the presiding election official.

## **8. *By-Elections***

- 8.1.** As authorized under Section 69 of the *Local Government Act*, at each election or other voting, electors who wish to vote at such election or other voting are required to register at the time of voting;
- 8.2.** Registration as an elector under paragraph 8.1 is effective only for the election or other voting for which the voting is being conducted at the time.

## **9. *Repeal***

School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. B2707-1, dated December 16, 2024, is hereby repealed.

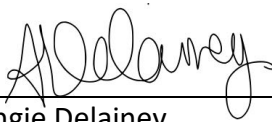
## **10. *Title***

This Bylaw may be cited as "School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Trustee Election and By-Election Bylaw No. B2707-2".

READ A FIRST TIME THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025.

  
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