

# VILLAGE OF SAYWARD

## BYLAW NO. 409

A bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and other voting and to limit registration of electors to registration at the time of voting.

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**WHEREAS** under the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied to the conduct of local government elections and other voting;

**AND WHEREAS** Council of the Village of Sayward wishes to establish voting procedures and requirements under that authority;

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 54 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, limit registration of electors to registration at the time of voting;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Village of Sayward wishes to limit registration of electors to registration at the time of voting for all elections under Part 3 and 4 of the *Local Government Act*;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Village of Sayward, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

### 1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "General Local Government Election and Voting Day Registration Bylaw No. 409, 2014."

### 2. ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

- a) An advance voting opportunity shall be held on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day immediately preceding general voting day for each election or other voting in the Village of Sayward between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Village Office, 652 H'Kusam Way, Sayward, B.C.

**3. NUMBER OF SCRUTINEERS AT VOTING PLACES**

- a) As authorized under section 110(3) of the *Local Government Act*, the number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is one scrutineer for each ballot box in use;

**4. RESOLUTION OF TIE VOTE AFTER JUDICIAL RECOUNT**

- a) 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 *Local Government Act*.

**5. VOTER REGISTRATION**

- a) For the purposes of all elections and other voting under Part 3 and 4 of the *Local Government Act*, a person may register as an elector only at the time of voting.
- b) Registration as an elector under this bylaw is effective only for the voting or other matters on which the opinion of the electors is being sought at the time of voting.
- c) In accordance with Section 97(3) of the *Local Government Act* a second advance voting opportunity will not be held.

**6. MAIL BALLOT VOTING**

- a) As authorized under section 100 of the *Local Government Act*, voting and registration may be done by mail for those electors who meet the criteria in paragraph (b).
- b) The following electors are permitted to vote by mail ballot and to register to vote by mail:
  - i. those persons who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity;
  - ii. persons who expect to be absent from the Village of Sayward on general voting day and at the time of the advance voting opportunity;
- c) The following procedures for voting and registration must apply:
  - i. Sufficient record will be kept by the chief election officer so that challenges of the elector's right to vote may be made in accordance with the intent of section 116 of the *Local Government Act*;

- ii. a person exercising the right to vote by mail under the provisions of section 100 may be challenged in accordance with, and on the grounds specified in section 116 of the Local Government Act.
- d) The time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot will be determined by the chief election officer.
- e) As provided in the Local Government Act, a mail ballot must be received by the chief election officer before the close of voting on general voting day in order to be counted for an election.

**7. REPEAL**

- a) "General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 350, 2005" is hereby repealed.

READ a first, second and third time by the Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Village of Sayward this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

Mayor	
Chief Administrative Officer	

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 409,  
2014 this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Sayward