



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: May 9, 2022
Submitted by: Chief Election Officer
Subject: General Local Election Bylaw Update

Purpose

To present for Council consideration an updated General Local Government Election Bylaw.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT City of Port Moody General Local Government Election Bylaw, 2022, No. 3367 be read a first, second, and third time as recommended in the report dated May 9, 2022 from the Chief Election Officer regarding General Local Election Bylaw Update.

Background

The City's current General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 2897 was first adopted in June 2011 and subsequently amended in 2014, 2015, and 2017. Changes to provincial legislation, election technology, and best practices necessitate a comprehensive update to the bylaw.

Discussion

The proposed General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 3367 (**Attachment 1**) updates the contents of the existing bylaw (**Attachment 2**) to align with changes to the *Local Government Act* pertaining to mail ballot voting. The *Local Government Act* was amended in May 2021 to no longer limit mail ballot voting to electors who have a physical disability, illness, or injury that affects their ability to vote at a voting opportunity, or to persons who expect to be absent on general voting day and all advance voting opportunities. With the removal of these restrictions, the proposed bylaw permits any eligible elector of the City of Port Moody to vote by mail ballot in accordance with the procedures and timelines determined by the Chief Election Officer.

Other updates to the bylaw include changes to the order of sections and numerous housekeeping updates.

There is a legislative requirement for General Local Election Bylaws or election bylaw amendments to be adopted by July 4, 2022 for the Bylaw to take effect for the 2022 General Local Government Election.

Other Option(s)

THAT City of Port Moody General Local Government Election Bylaw, 2022, No. 3367 be read a first, second, and third time with the following amendments...

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the proposed Bylaw.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

A comprehensive communications plan will be developed for the promotion of the 2022 General Local Election, including discretionary and social media advertising in addition to fulfilling statutory advertising requirements.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

General local elections are legislative required every four years. The provision of additional voting opportunities and election awareness promotion align with the Council Strategic Plan Objective of Service Excellence.

Attachment(s)

1. Draft City of Port Moody General Local Government Election Bylaw, 2022, No. 3367.
2. Consolidated City of Port Moody General Local Government Election Bylaw, 2011, 2897.

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Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - City of Port Moody General Local Government Election Bylaw, 2022, No. 3367.pdf - Attachment 2 - Consolidated City of Port Moody General Local Government Election Bylaw, 2011, 2897.PDF
Final Approval Date:	May 16, 2022

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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