



## THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70 (PACIFIC RIM) TRUSTEE ELECTIONS BYLAW NO. 2026-01

A bylaw to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

The Board of Education of School District No. 70 (Pacific Rim) wishes to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of School District No. 70 (Pacific Rim), in an open meeting, enacts this Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2026-01.

### 1. Scope of Bylaw

This bylaw applies to both general elections and by-elections, except as otherwise indicated.

### 2. Trustee Electoral Areas

In School District No. 70 (Pacific Rim), trustee elections are held in the following trustee electoral areas (TEA):

TEA #	Trustee Electoral Area Description	No. of Trustees
1	City of Port Alberni / Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Electoral Areas A (Bamfield), B (Beaufort), D (Sproat Lake), E (Beaver Creek) and F (Cherry Creek)	6
2	District of Ucluelet, the District of Tofino, and Electoral Area C (Long Beach) of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	1

### 3. Definitions

- a. The terms used in this bylaw 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.

**“Board”** means the Board of Education of School District No. 70 (Pacific Rim)

**“By-election”** means a trustee election other than one conducted as part of a general school election, to fill a vacancy on the Board in any of the circumstances described in section 36 of the *School Act*

**“Chief Election Officer”** means the person appointed to perform the duties of chief election officer as set out in the *School Act*, *Local Government Act* and *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*

**“Local Government”** means, as applicable, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, the City of Port Alberni, the District of Ucluelet and/or the District of Tofino

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

**“School District”** means the School District No. 70 (Pacific Rim)



#### **4. Voters List**

Voting in a trustee election shall be limited to only those electors registering to vote at the time of voting.

#### **5. Application of Local Government Bylaws**

- a. In Trustee Electoral Area #1, if a Local Government conducts all or a part of the trustee election, the election bylaws of the Local Government, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to that trustee election or part of the trustee election, except for any bylaws determining the minimum number of nominators, the order of names on the ballot, the resolution of tie votes after judicial recount, requiring a nomination deposit, or any other matter on which the local government bylaws may not by law apply to a trustee election.
- b. In Trustee Electoral Area #2, if a Local Government conducts all or a part of the trustee election, the election bylaws of the Local Government, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to that trustee election or part of the trustee election, except for any bylaws determining the minimum number of nominators, the order of names on the ballot, the resolution of tie votes after judicial recount, requiring a nomination deposit, or any other matter on which the local government bylaws may not by law apply to a trustee election.

#### **6. Required Advance Voting Opportunities**

- a. Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement by order of the Minister, an advance voting opportunity will be held on the tenth day before general voting day.
- b. Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement for an additional advance voting opportunity by order of the Minister, an additional advance voting opportunity will be held on the date specified in the bylaws of the local government conducting the trustee election and if no such date is specified, on the third day before general voting day. If the 3rd day before general voting day is a public holiday, the additional advance voting opportunity shall be held on the next day.

#### **7. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities**

The Chief Election Officer may establish dates for additional advance voting opportunities for each trustee election and may designate the voting places and the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

#### **8. Additional General Voting Opportunities**

The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each election and to designate the voting places and voting hours for such voting opportunities, within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act*.

#### **9. Order of Names on the Ballot**

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



#### **10. 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 conducting a lot in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

#### **11. Number of Nominators**

The minimum number of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate is two (2).

#### **12. Nomination Deposit**

No nomination deposit is required for nomination for the office of school trustee.

#### **13. Public Access to Election Documents**

- a. The Board authorizes public access to nomination documents of trustee candidates:
  - i. during the regular office hours at the Board's office from the time the nomination documents are delivered until 30 days after declaration of the election results; and
  - ii. on the School District website until 30 days after declaration of the election results, except that public access by the means set out in this sub-paragraph may not include the residential address of the person nominated, other than the municipality, electoral area, or treaty lands in which the person is resident.
- b. The Board will make available to the public at the Board's office and without charge, internet access to the disclosure statements or supplementary reports required to be made available by the BC chief electoral officer on an Elections BC authorized website, other than:
  - iii. a mailing address or residential address of a significant contributor; or
  - iv. a telephone number, mailing address, or residential address of a candidate until 5 years after general voting day for the election to which the trustee's disclosure statements and supplementary reports relate.
- c. The Board will, on request, provide a copy or other record of trustee candidates' disclosure statements and supplementary reports for as long as they are required to be available to the public.
- d. Before providing the services under section 13 of this bylaw, other than to a Board officer or employee acting in the course of their duties, the Board may require the person requesting the service to:
  - v. Satisfy to a Board official that any purpose for which personal information is to be used is permitted by the *Local Government Act* and section 63 of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, and
  - vi. provide a signed statement that the individual, and if applicable any individual or organization on whose behalf the first individual is accessing, inspecting or obtaining the copy or other record, will not use the information included in the copy or other record except for a purpose permitted under the *Local Government Act* or the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.



#### 14. Public Notice Posting Places

For the purpose of trustee elections conducted by the Board, the following are designated as public notice posting places for the purposes of section 50 of the *Local Government Act*:

- a. the notice board located at the Board's main office located at 4690 Roger Street, Port Alberni BC;
- b. the notice board located at the Ucluelet Secondary School located at 1450 Peninsula Road, Ucluelet, BC;
- c. the notice board located at the Wickaninnish Community School located at 431 Gibson Street, Tofino, BC; and
- d. the notice board located at the Bamfield Community School located at 240 Nuthatch Rd, Bamfield, BC.

#### 15. Publication by means other than Newspaper

For the purpose of trustee elections conducted by the Board, the Board designates the following means of publication of notices required to be published pursuant to section 94.2 of the *Community Charter*:

- a. the Home page Spotlight section on the School District website ([www.sd70.bc.ca](http://www.sd70.bc.ca)); and
- b. the Board's social media account. "**Pacific Rim Schools**", accessible at *facebook.com* (last accessed June 18, 2026)

#### 16. Title

This bylaw may be cited as "School District No. 70 (Pacific Rim) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2026-01".

#### 17. Repeal


School District No. 70 (Pacific Rim) 111: Election Proceedings Bylaw (P) is hereby repealed.

Read a first time the 23rd day of June, 2026.

Read a second time the 23rd day of June, 2026.

Read for a third time, passed and adopted the 23rd day of June, 2026.

  
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Board Chair

  
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Secretary-Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true original of School District No. 70 (Pacific Rim) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2026-01, adopted by the Board the 23rd day of June, 2026.

  
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Secretary-Treasurer