

BYLAW NO. 2026A

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34 (Abbotsford)

The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) wishes to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections. Accordingly, in an open meeting, the Board enacts this Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2026A.

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. 34 (Abbotsford), trustees are elected at large. School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) comprises one (1) electoral area.

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 if the context requires otherwise.

b. “Board” means the Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)

“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 the City of Abbotsford

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

4. Voters List

a. The most current available Provincial list of voters prepared under the Election Act is the register of resident electors, effective 52 days before general voting day for any election to which this bylaw applies.

5. Application of Local Government Bylaws

- a. The election bylaws of the City of Abbotsford will apply to trustee elections conducted by the City of Abbotsford within School District No. 34 (Abbotsford), except for those sections of the 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. The Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officers appointed by the City of Abbotsford shall act in those same capacities with respect to the conduct of the trustee election within School District No. 34 (Abbotsford).

6. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

- a. 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.

7. Additional General Voting Opportunities

- a. 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*.

8. Order of Names on the Ballot

- a. The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be alphabetical by last name.

9. 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 lot in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

10. Nomination Deposit

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

11. Number of Nominators

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

12. Title

- a. This bylaw may be cited as “School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2026A”.

13. Repeal

- a. School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2022, 2025 and 2026 are repealed.

Date of first reading:

June 16/26

Date of second reading:

June 16/26

Date of third reading and adoption:

June 16/26

(Corporate seal)


Chairperson of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer