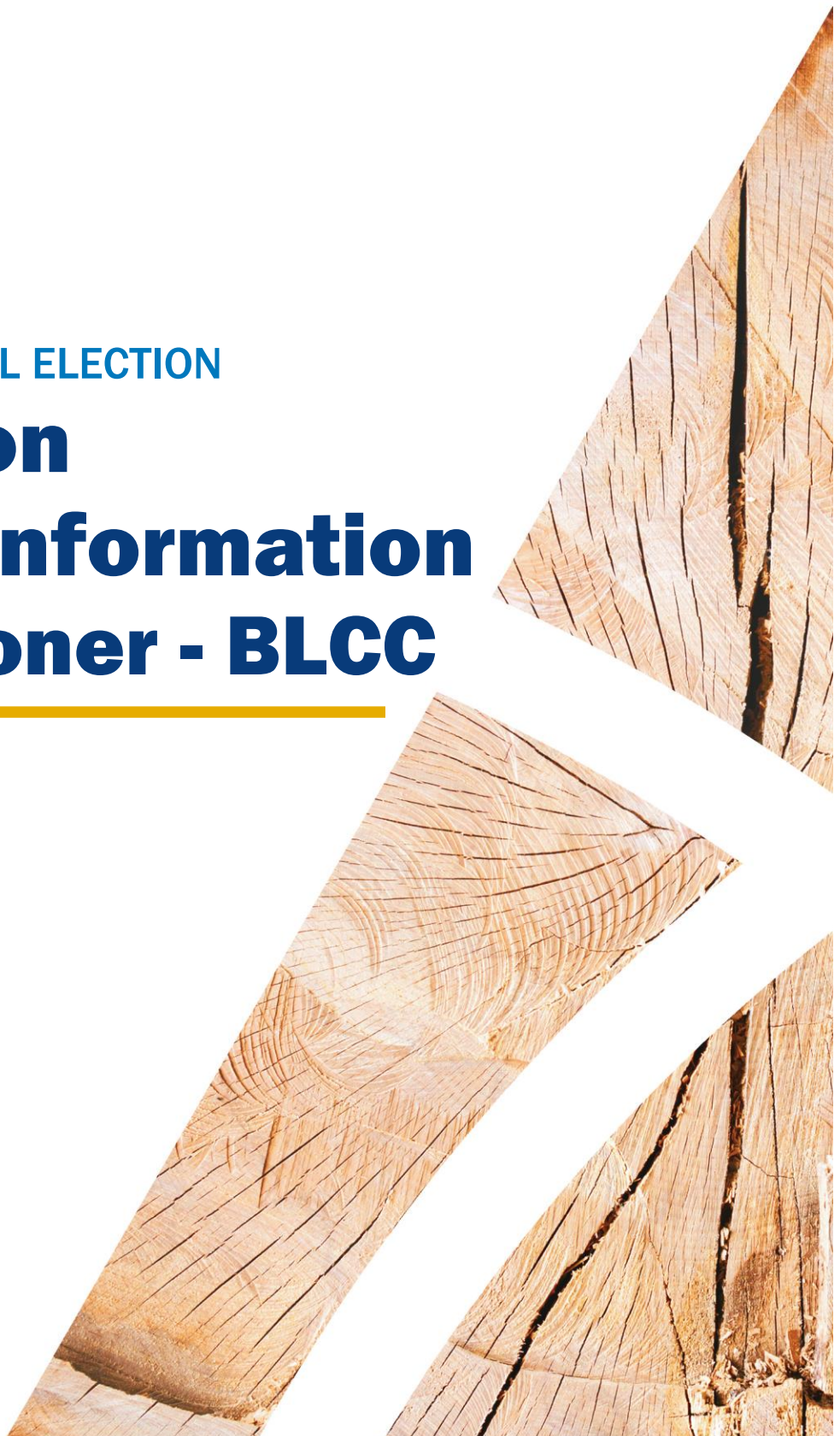
REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George

2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

Nomination Package Information Commissioner - BLCC



REGIONAL DISTRICT
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July 27, 2026

Dear Prospective Candidates,

Information Package for Commissioner Candidates –Bear Lake Local Community Commission

The following package is provided as a reference guide for prospective candidates for Commissioner, Bear Lake Local Community Commission in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George for the 2026 General Local Election.

The next general local election will be held on October 17, 2026. There are (4) Commissioner positions to be elected. Elected candidates will serve in office for four (4) years from November 2026 to November 2030.

Nomination Period

Nomination period begins 9:00 AM on Tuesday, September 1 and ends 4:00 PM on Friday, September 11, 2026. Completed nomination documents may only be accepted for filing during the specific times set out in the nomination period in order for the nominee to qualify as a candidate.

Nomination documents must be filed with the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer only and will not be accepted by other regional district staff. If you wish to have your solemn declarations taken by the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer at the time of nomination document filing, please contact the Corporate Services department at (250) 960-4400 or election@rdffg.bc.ca to arrange for an appointment during the nomination period.

If you choose to have your solemn declarations taken by a Commissioner for taking Affidavits for BC, lawyer or notary public, the signed nomination documents may be delivered to the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer as follows:

By Hand, Mail or other delivery Service 155 George Street, Prince George, BC V2L 1P8
By Fax To: 250-563-7520 **By Email To:** election@rdffg.bc.ca

Please carefully review all of the materials enclosed to ensure that the necessary forms are filed appropriately.

Nomination documents are available online at www.rdffg.ca/election or in person, from July 27, 2026 to the close of the nomination period, as follows:

Regional District Office,155 George Street, Prince George, BC Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding stat holidays.
Bear Lake Community Commission Office, 353 Grizzly Avenue, Bear Lake, BC Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., excluding stat holidays.

The Nomination Package is comprised of two (2) parts. The first is an information package and the second is the nomination forms. The information package includes the following:

1. Notice of Nomination Period
2. Nomination Package Information Document
3. Bear Lake Local Community Map
4. Bear Lake Local Community Establishment Bylaw No. 1794, 1998 (Consolidated Version)
5. Election and Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 3264, 2022 (Consolidated Version)
6. Code of Conduct Policy RD-23-04

The following reference materials, published by the Province of BC and Elections BC for the 2026 General Local Election, are included for reference.

- What Every Candidate Needs to Know
- General Local Elections 101
- Candidate's Guide to Local Elections in BC 2026
- Supporting a Candidate for Local Elections in BC
- Foundational Principles of Responsible Conduct
- Forging the Path to Responsible Conduct (2021)
- Local Elections Campaign Financing Act
- Guide to Campaign Financing for Local Candidates and Financial Agents in BC
- What you need to know before you start campaigning

For any questions regarding campaign financing, please contact Elections BC by phone at 1-800-661-8683 or email at electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca.

If you require assistance or would like more information about the nomination or election processes, please contact the undersigned at 250-960-4444 or by email at election@rdffg.bc.ca.

Alternatively, you may contact Deputy Chief Election Officers:

Aileen Singh
250-960-4415

Dayna Hegel
250-960-4416

Sincerely,

"Maureen Connelly"

Maureen Connelly
Chief Election Officer
250-960-4444 | election@rdffg.bc.ca

REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George

2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION
NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George that a General Local Election will be held on Saturday, October 17 2026, to elect four (4) Commissioners for the Bear Lake Local Community.

Nominations will be received by the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer, as follows:

By hand, mail or other delivery service Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Office 155 George Street, Prince George, BC V2L 1P8	From: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 To: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2026
By fax to: 250-563-7520 **By email to:** election@rdffg.bc.ca	

Information on the requirements and procedures for making nominations including nomination forms are available online at www.rdffg.ca/Election or may be obtained in person from July 27, 2026, to the close of the nomination period, at the following locations:

Regional District Office,155 George Street, Prince George, BC Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays.
Bear Lake Local Community Commission Office, 353 Grizzly Avenue, Bear Lake, BC Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., excluding statutory holidays.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS IS 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as Commissioner if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian Citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day Saturday, October 17, 2026;
- resident of British Columbia for at least six (6) months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Local Community Commissioner $6,161.89

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local elections, the following third party advertising limits apply:

Local Community Commissioner $ 924.28

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on the **nomination process**, please contact:

Maureen Connelly, Chief Election Officer (250) 960-4444
Dayna Hegel, Deputy Chief Election Officer (250) 960-4415
Aileen Singh, Deputy Chief Election Officer (250) 960-4416
Email: election@rdffg.bc.ca

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on the **campaign period expense limits and third party advertising expense limits,** please contact Elections BC:

Toll-free phone: 1-800-661-8683
Email: electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca
Website: www.elections.bc.ca

REGIONAL DISTRICT
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2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION NOMINATION PACKAGE INFORMATION

Bear Lake Local Community Commission

Regional District Boards may, by bylaw, establish one or more local communities within an electoral area to be administered by local community commissions. In 1998, the Bear Lake Local Community Commission was established.

The Commission administers the following local services in the community of Bear Lake:

- fire protection
- street lighting
- cemetery
- ambulance station
- recreation facilities
- community water services

Elections for Commissioners are held every four years at the same time as the General Local Elections and the election is administered by the Regional District. A Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission are elected annually at the inaugural meeting held on the last Tuesday of November each year.

The Commission comprises four (4) locally elected Commissioners and one ex-officio Commissioner (the Director for Electoral Area G: Crooked River-Parsnip).

Qualifications for Office

To be eligible to run for local government office in a general local election, a person must have been a resident of B.C. at least six (6) months before filing their nomination documents (i.e. must have become a resident as of March 10, 2026 or earlier). They do not have to live or own property in the area where they are running for office.

In addition, a person must:

- Be 18 years of age or older on general voting day (October 17, 2026);
- Be a Canadian citizen; and
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

A person is ineligible to run for office in a general local election if they:

- Have been convicted of and sentenced for an indictable offence and are in custody;
- Have been found guilty of an election offence, such as intimidation or vote-buying, and are prohibited from holding office;
- Are judges of the Provincial Court, Supreme Court or Court of Appeal;
- Are involuntarily confined to a psychiatric facility or other institution;
- Have been disqualified for specified reasons such as failing to file a candidate disclosure statement in a previous election, failing to make an oath of office, or failing to attend local government meetings in the manner and frequency required by the *Community Charter*;
- Have been otherwise disqualified from being nominated for, elected to or holding office under the *Local Government Act*, *Community Charter*, *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* or any other enactment or law;
- Are employees or salaried officers of the local government or related local governments (e.g. municipalities), including volunteers who are paid for their services – unless they have taken a leave of absence to run for office and agree to resign when elected;
- Are federal employees – unless they have requested and obtained prior permission from Public Service Commission of Canada (PSC) to run for office.

Commission Meetings

Regular meetings of the Bear Lake Local Community Commission are scheduled monthly commencing at 6:30 p.m. and are held at the Commission Office located at 353 Grizzly Avenue. An updated schedule is available at www.rdffg.ca/BLLCC.

In accordance with *Bear Lake Local Community Establishment Bylaw No. 1794, 1998*, the Commission will hold an annual general meeting on the Tuesday in the week following the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's November regular meeting, at which time the

commissioners shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. Before assuming their duties, each commissioner shall be required to swear an oath of office.

Commissioner Remuneration and Expense Reimbursement

Remuneration for Commissioners is established under the *Bear Lake Local Community Establishment Bylaw No. 1794, 1998*. Commissioners are compensated for attendance at regular Commission meetings as follows:

- **Commissioners:** $125 per regular meeting attended.
- **Vice-Chairperson:** $135 per regular meeting attended.
- **Chairperson:** $150 per regular meeting attended.
- **Vice-Chairperson Acting as Chairperson:** $150 per regular meeting attended while serving in place of the Chairperson.

Campaign Financing and Advertising

Elections BC is responsible for administering campaign financing and advertising rules for local elections and assent voting in British Columbia under the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA). Candidates are responsible for adhering to Elections BC requirements under LECFA.

More information and related forms about campaign financing and advertising can be found on the Elections BC website at www.elections.bc.ca/local-elections/2026-general-local-elections/

Candidates must be familiar with LECFA and its requirements. Candidates will be required to declare awareness and understanding of the Act and intent to comply with the requirements and restrictions of the Act, at the time of making the nomination declaration.

The *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* is available online by visiting - https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/14018

Hard copies will be provided upon request by contacting the Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250-960-4415 or email election@rdffg.bc.ca.

The Guide to Local Elections Campaign Financing in B.C.is provided by Elections BC and is included in the nomination package. It is also available online at https://elections.bc.ca/docs/lecfa/guide-to-local-elections-campaign-financing-in-bc-for-candidates-and-their-financial-agents.pdf

The guide provides valuable information for local elections participants and outlines their responsibilities under the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, including:

- Elections BC's role in local elections
- Shared roles under the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*

- Campaign financing periods
- Disclosure statements
- Financial agents
- Bank accounts
- Market value
- Campaign contributions
- Recording and disclosure requirements of other income
- Transfers
- Surplus campaign funds
- Expenses
- Election advertising
- Court order for relief, campaign financing offences and penalties

If you have any questions with regard to Campaign Financing please contact Elections BC's local elections campaign financing team at 1.800.661.8683 or email electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca

List of Electors

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George does not register voters in advance so there is no voters list.

Voting Locations, Days, & Hours

General voting day is October 17, and an advance voting day will be held on October 7. Once the candidates have been declared, the locations and times for all voting places will be published on the Regional District's website – www.rdffg.ca/election. Mail Ballot voting will also be available.

Key Dates

Date	Event, Action or Deadline
January 1, 2026	Election period begins
March 10, 2026	Last day to meet six (6) month B.C. residency candidate requirement
April 16, 2026	Last day to meet six (6) month B.C. residency elector requirement on voting day
May 31, 2026	Campaign expense limits published

Date	Event, Action or Deadline
July 20, 2026	Pre-campaign period begins. Election advertising authorization requirements take effect
July 27, 2026	Nomination packages available
July 31, 2026	Deadline to apply to register an elector organization
September 1, 2026	Nomination period begins (9:00 AM)
September 11, 2026	Nomination period closes (4:00 PM). Declaration of candidates follows
September 15, 2026	End of challenge to nomination and endorsement period
September 18, 2026	Candidate nomination withdrawal deadline
September 19, 2026	Campaign period begins
September 21, 2026	Declaration of election by voting or by acclamation
October 7, 2026	Advance Voting Day
October 17, 2026	General Voting Day
November 24, 2026	Annual General Meeting & Election of Chair and Vice Chair
January 15, 2027	Campaign financing disclosure statement filing deadline
February 16, 2027	Late filing deadline for disclosure statements with Elections BC with applicable late fee.

Additional Online Resources

Local Government Act -
https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/r15001_00

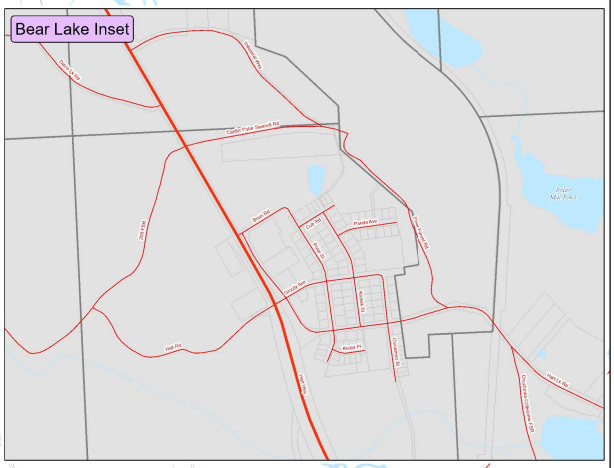
Community Charter -
https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/03026_00

Province of BC – General Local Elections -
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections

Province of BC – Regional District Committees and Commissions - https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/powers-services/regional-district-powers-services/committees-commissions

Elections BC - http://elections.bc.ca/

Bear Lake Community Commission



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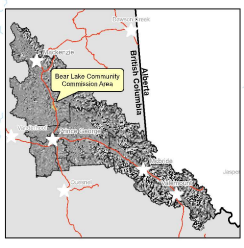

REGIONAL DISTRICT
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BEAR LAKE LOCAL COMMUNITY ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW NO. 1794

CONSOLIDATED VERSION

as authorized by Bylaw Consolidation Authorization Bylaw No. 2579, 2009

This bylaw has been consolidated to include the text and appendices of:

Amending Bylaw	Effective Date
Bylaw No. 2929	**December 18, 2014**
Bylaw No. 3094	**August 16, 2018**

For reference to original bylaws, please contact:

General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
155 George Street
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8
Telephone: 250.960.4444

Email: kjensen@rdffg.bc.ca

REGIONAL DISTRICT
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BYLAW NO. 1794

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL COMMUNITY AT BEAR LAKE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY A LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION

WHEREAS the Regional District may, within an electoral area, establish a local community to be administered by a local community commission pursuant to Section 838 of the *Municipal Act;*

AND WHEREAS the Regional District has established a local community within Electoral Area G which is known as the Bear Lake Local Community;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District wishes to continue the operation of a local community and local community commission at Bear Lake;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 There is hereby continued within Electoral Area G a local community to be known as the Bear Lake Local Community.

1.2 The boundaries of the local community shall be as set out in bold outline in Appendix A, attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

1.3 The Bear Lake Local Community shall be administered by a local community commission, to be known as the Bear Lake Local Community Commission, which shall have the authority set out in this bylaw.

1.4 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires,

"Commission"	means the Bear Lake Local Community Commission.
"commissioner"	means a person elected to, or otherwise entitled to sit as a member of, the Commission in accordance with the Municipal Act.
"local community"	means the Bear Lake Local Community.

"regular meeting" means a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission called in accordance with the commission's rules of procedure at which the general and usual business of the commission is to be conducted.

"special meeting" means a meeting, other than a regular meeting, at which an item or items requiring special or immediate attention is to be discussed by the Commission.

PART 2 – ELECTIONS

AMENDED BY SEC 1 BL 2929 SEC 1A BL 3094

2.1 Elections for commissioner shall be held every four years in the same manner and at the same time as general local elections.

AMENDED BY SEC 1B BL 3094

2.2 The Commission shall hold an annual general meeting on the Tuesday in the week following the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's November regular meeting, at which time the commissioners shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

2.3 Before assuming their duties, each commissioner shall be required to swear an oath of office. The form of the oath shall be as set out in Appendix B, attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

AMENDED BY SEC 1C BL 3094

2.4 Section 202 of the *Local Government Act* applies in respect to the operations and procedures of the Commission as if the commissioners were members of a regional board.

PART 3 – MEETING

3.1 Subject to this bylaw, the Commission shall establish its own rules of procedure regarding the following:

(1) the time, place and notice requirements for the holding of regular and special meetings of the Commission.

(2) the manner in which voting shall be undertaken on any question before the Commission.

(3) general conduct at meetings.

3.2 A quorum is a majority of the commissioners.

3.3 All acts authorized as required by this bylaw to be done by the Commission and all other questions, including adjournment, that may come before the Commission shall be done and decided by a majority of the commissioners present at a meeting.

AMENDED BY SEC 1D BL 3094

3.4 The Commission shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by Regional Board Procedure Bylaw No. 2372, 2007, as amended.

PART 4 - POWERS AND DUTIES

4.1 The powers and duties of the Commission shall include:

(1) the responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the community water system, street lighting, cemetery, television rebroadcasting, recreation facilities, ambulance station and fire protection services provided in the local community including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing;

(a) supervising the maintenance and operation of the said services;

(b) recommending to the Regional Board the letting of such contracts as may be necessary for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the said services;

(c) authorizing the expenditure of such funds as may be provided in the annual Budget of the Regional District in respect of the said services, or as may be lawfully expended for capital purposes, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b);

(d) recommending to the Regional Board the provision of funds for capital purposes, or the undertaking of capital projects, or the contracting of debt for the said services;

(e) providing to the Regional District, not later than the end of October in each year, an estimate of the revenues and expenditures necessary to provide the said services for the ensuing year, including the expenses of the Commission; and

(2) providing such other recommendations and advice to the Regional Board as the Commission deems desirable regarding the provision of services or matters affecting the local community generally.

PART 5 - REMUNERATION

5.1 Each commissioner shall be entitled to receive $125 (One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars) for each regular meeting attended.

5.2 Notwithstanding Section 5.1, the vice-chairperson of the Commission shall be entitled to receive $135 (One Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars) for each regular meeting attended.

5.3 Notwithstanding Section 5.1, the chairperson of the Commission, or the vice-chairperson, when taking the place of the chairperson, shall be entitled to receive $150 (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) for each regular meeting attended.

5.4 For the purpose of Part 5 the annual budget meeting shall be considered a regular meeting.

PART 6 – REPEAL

6.1 Bear Lake Local Community Establishment Bylaw No. 1116, 1989 is hereby repealed.

PART 7 - CITATION

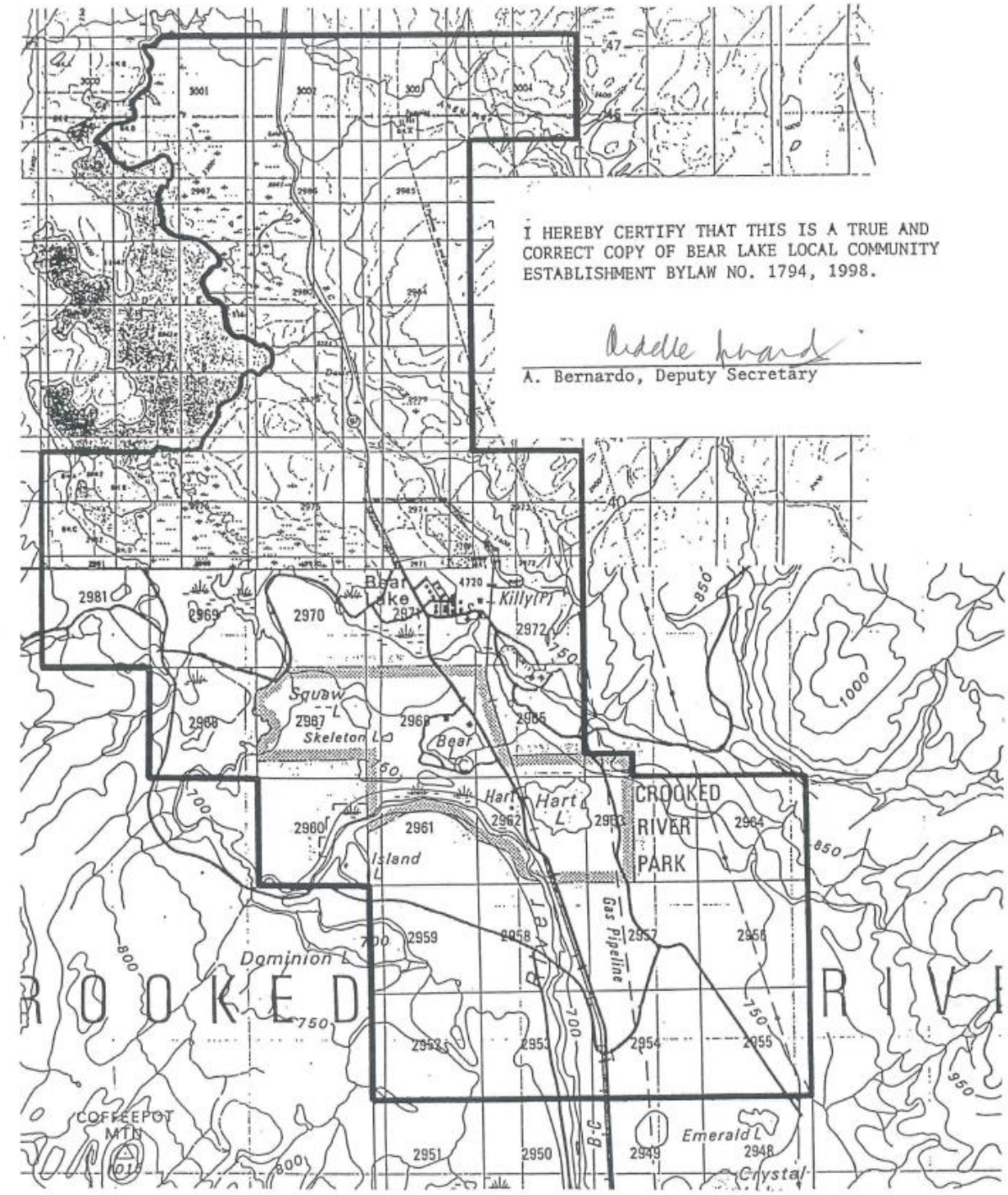
7.1 This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Bear Lake Local Community Establishment Bylaw No. 1794, 1998.

THIS BYLAW is a copy of Bylaw No. 1794, consolidated pursuant to Section 139 of the *Community Charter* and is printed on the authority of the General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

"Maureen Connelly"

Maureen Connelly
General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services Date: August 28, 2024

APPENDIX A


I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BEAR LAKE LOCAL COMMUNITY ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW NO. 1794, 1998.
A. Bernardo, Deputy Secretary
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APPENDIX B

BEAR LAKE LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSIONER

OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____do solemnly affirm that:
(name of person elected or appointed)

- I am qualified to hold the office of commissioner for the Bear Lake Local Community to which I have been elected (or appointed ex officio);
- I have not, by myself or any other person, knowingly contravened the *Municipal Act* respecting vote buying or intimidation in relation to my election or appointment to the office of commissioner;
- I will faithfully perform the duties of my office, and will not allow any private interest to influence my conduct in public matters;
- As required by the *Municipal Act,* I will disclose any direct or indirect pecuniary interest I have in a matter and will not participate in the discussion of the matter and will not vote in respect of the matter.

Declared before me at Bear Lake in the Province of British Columbia this _____ day of _____, 199__.

_____
Local Community Secretary

REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING BYLAW NO. 3264, 2022

CONSOLIDATED VERSION

as authorized by Bylaw Consolidation Authorization Bylaw No. 2579, 2009

This bylaw has been consolidated to include the text and appendices of:

Amending Bylaw	Effective Date
Bylaw No. 3423, 2026	June 18, 2026

For reference to original bylaws, please contact:

Corporate Services
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
155 George Street
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8
Telephone: 250.960.4400
Email: corporateservices@rdffg.bc.ca

REGIONAL DISTRICT
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BYLAW NO. 3264

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED FOR ELECTIONS AND OTHER VOTING

WHEREAS the Regional District may, under the *Local Government Act*, determine the procedures and requirements to be to be applied to the conduct of elections as defined in this Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District wishes to establish procedures and requirements to facilitate the participation and registration of electors, and the orderly conduct of voting under its authority;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1.0 Interpretation

1.1 In this bylaw, all definitions will be in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, except for the following:

"election"	means an election as defined under Section 47 of the *Local Government Act,* an assent vote as defined under Section 169 of the *Local Government Act* and voting to seek the opinion of electors as provided for under Section 293 of the *Local Government Act.*
"Regional District"	means the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
"Regional District Main Office"	means 155 George Street, Prince George, BC
"voting Jurisdiction"	means: (a) an electoral area or part thereof; (b) a municipality or part thereof; or (c) any combination of paragraphs (a) and (b) for which an election has been authorized.

1.0 Application

1.1. The provisions of this Bylaw apply to elections as defined in this Bylaw and includes elections for the Bear Lake Community Commission as provided for under Bear Lake Local Community Establishment Bylaw No. 1794, 1998, as amended.

2.0 Access to Election Documents by Electronic Means

AMENDED BY SEC1A BL 3423

2.1. Pursuant to Sections 89(7), 89(8), and 89(8.1) of the *Local Government Act*, nomination documents received from all candidates for election of electoral area director or Bear Lake Community Commissioner will be made available on the Regional District website within forty-eight (48) hours of filing with the Chief Election Officer, and will remain available for a period of thirty (30) days after declaration of the election results. This availability is in addition to and in no way affects other access to such documents provided by the *Act*.

3.0 Availability of Disclosure Statements

3.1. From the time any information in a disclosure statement related to the Regional District or Bear Lake Community Commission is made available on the Elections BC authorized internet site pursuant to Section 58(1) of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, the Corporate Officer, in accordance with Section 59(1) of the *Local Government Act*, will:

3.1.1. Make that information available for public inspection at the Regional District Main Office during regular office hours on request; and

3.1.2. Ensure a link is provided on the Regional District website to connect to the information related to the Regional District of Bear Lake Community Commission provided on the Elections BC authorized internet site.

4.0 Elector Registration

4.1. For all elections a person may only register as an elector concurrently with an application for a ballot.

5.0 Additional General Voting Opportunities

5.1 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 set the voting hours, within the limits of Section 106(2) of the *Local Government Act*, for such voting opportunities.

6.0 Required Advance Voting Opportunities

6.1 As required under Section 107 of the *Local Government Act:*

6.1.1 an advance voting opportunity is established on the 10th day before general voting day; and

6.1.2 as authorized under Section 107(2) of the *Local Government Act*, a second advance voting opportunity is not required to be held for elections in those electoral areas or the Bear Lake Community Commission service area when the population is 5,000 or less.

7.0 Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

7.1 The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election to be held in advance of general voting day and to designate the voting places, establish the date and the voting hours for those voting opportunities.

8.0 Special Voting Opportunities

8.1 The Chief Election Officer is authorized to provide a voting opportunity to electors who may otherwise be unable to vote in whatever manner deemed appropriate, including:

8.1.1 the establishment of a special voting opportunity as authorized under Section 109 of the *Local Government Act* for each election and to designate the locations, dates and the voting hours within the limits of Section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, for the special voting opportunities; and

8.1.2 the provision of mail ballot voting under Section 9.0 of this Bylaw.

8.2 Special voting opportunities under Section 8.1.1 of this Bylaw will be restricted to only residents, patients and staff of a location where the special voting opportunity has been established by the Chief Election Officer.

8.3 In the event there are no hospitals or long-term health care facilities within the voting jurisdiction the Chief Election Officer is authorized to not provide a special voting opportunity provided for under Section 8.1 of this Bylaw.

8.4 The Chief Election Officer is authorized to limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity established under Section 8.1.1 of this Bylaw.

9.0 Mail Ballot Voting Opportunity

9.1 As authorized under Section 110 of the *Local Government Act*, voting may be done by mail ballot for any election subject to Section 9 of this Bylaw.

AMENDED BY SEC1B BL 3423

9.2 Once a mail ballot package has been issued and excepted by the Chief Election Officer or designate, the elector is deemed to have voted by mail ballot and is not permitted to vote at any other voting opportunity.

9.3 The procedures for mail ballot voting for elections will be as follows:

9.3.1 The Chief Election Officer will keep sufficient records to allow for challenges of the elector's right to vote that may be made in accordance with the intent of Section 126 of the *Local Government Act*.

9.3.2 A person exercising the right to vote by mail under the provisions of Section 110 of the *Local Government Act* may be challenged in accordance with, and on the grounds specified under Section 126 of the *Local Government Act*, until 5:00 p.m. two (2) days before general voting day.

9.3.3 In accordance with Section 110(4)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, the time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot will be determined by the Chief Election Officer.

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9.3.4 As provided for in the *Local Government Act*, a mail ballot shall be returned to the address printed on the outer envelope included in the mail ballot package or at an authorized drop off location established by the Chief Election Officer before the close of voting on general voting day in order to be counted for an election.

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9.3.5 Procedures for the conduct of mail ballot voting will be in accordance with those outlined in Section 110, subsections (5), (5.1), (6), (7), (8), (8.1) and (9) of the *Local Government Act*."

10.0 Resolution of Tie Votes After Judicial Recount

10.1 In the event a judicial recount of an election is held and the results of the election is a tie vote, the results of the election will be determined by lot in accordance with Section 151 of the *Local Government Act*.

11.0 General

11.1 Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from to time.

11.2 If any part, section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that it is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder which shall continue in full force and effect and be constructed as if the Bylaw had been adopted without the invalid portion.

12.0 Repeal

12.1 Election and Voting Procedure Bylaw No. 2900, 2014, amendments thereto, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

13.0 Citation

13.1 This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Election and Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 3264, 2022.

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