



BYLAW NO. 21

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (ARROW LAKES)

A bylaw to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections

The Board of Education of School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) wishes to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes), in an open meeting, enacts this Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 21

1. Scope of Bylaw

- a. This bylaw applies to both general elections and by-elections, except as otherwise indicated.
- b. Section(s) does not apply to by-elections.

2. Trustee Electoral Areas

- a. In School District #10 (Arrow Lakes), trustee elections are held in the following trustee electoral areas:

| TEA | Trustee electoral area description: | # of trustees |
|--------------------------|--|---------------|
| Eastern Attendance Zone | <i>Villages of Silverton, New Denver and part of Electoral Area H of Regional District of Central Kootenay</i> | <i>One</i> |
| Central Attendance Zone | <i>Village of Nakusp, part of Electoral Area H, part of Electoral Area K of Regional District of Central Kootenay and part of Electoral Area B of Columbia Shuswap Regional District</i> | <i>One</i> |
| Southern Attendance Zone | <i>Part of Electoral Area K of Regional District of Central Kootenay</i> | <i>One</i> |
| At Large Attendance Zone | <i>Villages of Silverton, New Denver, Nakusp, part of Electoral Area H, Electoral Area K of Regional District of Central Kootenay and part of Electoral Area B of Columbia Shuswap Regional District</i> | <i>Two</i> |

3. Definitions

- a. The terms used in this bylaw shall have the meaning assigned by the *School Act*, the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, except as the context indicates otherwise.



- a. "Board" means the Board of Education of School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes).

"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, Village of Silverton, Village of New Denver, Village of Nakusp, Regional District of Central Kootenay part of Electoral Area H, Electoral K, and Columbia Shuswap Regional District part of Electoral Area B

"Minister" means the Minister of Education and Child Care.

"Regional District" means the Regional District of Central Kootenay and/or Columbia Shuswap Regional District.

"School District" means the School District No.10(Arrow Lakes)

4. Voters List

The most current available Provincial list of voters prepared under the Election Act is the register of resident electors.

5. Application

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

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 a second advance voting opportunity by Order of the Minister of Education, or unless s. 6(c) applies

[References: *Local Government Act* s. 107(1); *School Act* s. 45(1), 45(5)]

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.



[References: *School Act* s. 45(1); *Local Government Act* s. 108]

8. Special voting opportunities

- a. A special voting opportunity is established in order to give electors who may otherwise be unable to vote an opportunity to do so.
- b. The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish the location, date and voting hours for the special voting opportunity.
- c. Only those electors who are a patient to the institution or are a resident of the institution or a staff member of the institution may vote at this special voting opportunity.
- d. The following procedures for voting and for conducting the voting apply to the special voting opportunity:
 - i. A stationary voting area will be set up
 - ii. The electors that are ambulatory can request bedside voting
- e. The Chief Election officer is authorized to limit the number of candidate representatives who may be present at the special voting opportunity, within the limits det out in the *Local Government Act*.

[References: *School Act* s.45(1), *Local Government Act* s. 109]

9. Order of Names on the Ballot

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be alphabetical.

[References: *School Act* s. 46(4), *Local Government Act* ss. 116, 117]

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 a run-off election in accordance with the *School Act* and the *Local Government Act*.

[References: *School Act* s. 46(4), *Local Government Act* ss. 151, 152]

11. Nomination Deposit

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

[References: *School Act* s. 45(9), 46(4), *Local Government Act* s.88]



12. Number of Nominators

The minimum numbers of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate in *Trustee Electoral Area for Eastern, Central and Southern Attendance Zone* is two.

The minimum number of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate in *Trustee Electoral Area for At Large Attendance Zone* is two.

[References: *School Act* ss. 45(9) and 46(4), *Local Government Act* ss. 86(1), 86(2)]

13. Website Access to Candidate Nomination Documents and Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements

- a. The Board authorizes public access to nomination documents of the 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;
 - ii. by internet or other electronic means 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 the municipality, electoral area or treaty lands in which the person is resident.
- b. The Board will make available to the public by internet access, without charge, during the regular office hours of the Board' head office, access to the disclose statement of supplementary reports required to be made available by the BC chief electoral office on an Elections BC authorized website, other than:
 - i. A mailing address or residential address of a significant contributor, or
 - ii. 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 make available to the public, without charge, during the regular office hours of the Board' head office, access to the disclose statement of supplementary reports required to be made available by the BC chief electoral office on an Elections BC authorized website, other than:
 - i. A mailing address or residential address of a significant contributor, or
 - ii. 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 report relate by providing a copy of that information for inspection.



[References: *School Act* s.45(1), *Local Government Act* ss.89(7),(8),(8.1),(9) and (10), *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, ss. 58 and 59]

14. Public Notice Posting Place

- a. 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*:
 - i. The notice board located at the main entrance of the Board's head office and
 - ii. The Villages of Silverton, New Denver and Nakusp, Regional District of Central Kootenay and Columbia Shuswap Regional District

[References: *School Act* s. 45(2.1)]

15. Publication by means other than newspaper

- a. The Board designates the following means of publication of notices required to be published pursuant to section 94.2 of the Community Charter:
 - i. The Board's website: <https://sd10.bc.ca>

16. Mail Ballot Voting

- a. Subject to the *Local Government Act*, voting and registration may be done by mail.
- b. Procedures for mail ballot voting and registration may be established by separate bylaw.
- c. The Chief Election Officer may establish time limits in relation to mail ballot voting.
- d. The Chief Election Officer must keep sufficient records so that challenges of an elector's right to vote may be made in accordance with intent of section 126 of the *Local Government Act*.
- e. An elector voting by mail ballot must return the elector's mail ballot package to:
 - i. the address printed on the outer envelope included in the mail ballot package or
 - ii. a drop-off location specified by the Chief Election Officer, if any.

[References: *School Act* s. 45(1), *Local Government Act* s.110]

17. Number of Scrutineers at Voting Places

- a. The number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is a maximum of one scrutineer for each ballot box in use



[References: *School Act* s. 45(1), *Local Government Act* s.120]

18. Title

This bylaw may be cited as "School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 21."

19. Repeal

School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 17 is hereby repealed.

Read a first time this 12th day of May, 2026

Read a second time this 12th day of May, 2026

Read a third and final time this 12th day of May, 2026

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer