



Greater  
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Regional  
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# **ELECTIONS BYLAW CONSOLIDATED**

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**THIS IS A CONSOLIDATION, FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES, OF:**

- “Greater Vancouver Regional District Elections Procedures Bylaw No. 841. 1996”  
*(Adopted July 26, 1996)*
- “Greater Vancouver Regional District Elections Procedures Amending Bylaw No. 939, 1999”  
*(Adopted October 1, 1999)*
- “Greater Vancouver Regional District Elections Procedures Amending Bylaw Number 981, 2002”  
*(Adopted July 26, 2002)*

As of February 15, 2005

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**GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**BYLAW NO. 841, 1996**

A Bylaw to provide for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of local government elections and other voting

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, being R.S.B.C., 1979, Chapter 290, as amended, the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District may by Bylaw determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of local government elections and other voting;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under that authority;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions

In this bylaw:

“Act” means the *Municipal Act*, R.S.B.C., 1979, Chapter 290;

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District;

“elector” means a resident elector or property elector of the jurisdiction as defined under the *Act*;

“Electoral Area A” refers to that part of the regional district not within the boundaries of a City, District, Island, Town, or Village municipality, or any land, foreshore, or land covered by water that may be hereafter incorporated within the boundaries of a municipality;

*(Amended July 26, 2002 by Bylaw 981, 2002)*

“election” means an election for the number of persons required to fill a local government office;

“general local election” means the elections held for electoral area directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District commencing in the year 1993 and held in every third year after that;

“general voting day” means,

- (a) for a general local election, the third Saturday of November in the year of the election;
- (b) for other elections, the date set under sections 38(5), 39(1) or (3), or 142(5) of the *Act*; and
- (c) for other voting, the date set under section 162 of the *Act*;

“jurisdiction” means the Greater Vancouver Regional District electoral area for which it is held;

“local government” means the Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District;

“other voting” means voting on a matter referred to in section 158 of the *Act* and includes voting on a referendum under section 283 (section 790.1) of the *Act*;

“regional district” means the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

2. Voting Day Registration

- (a) As authorized under Section 55 of the *Act*, electors in Electoral Area A who wish to vote at the general election are required to register at the time of voting.

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- (b) Registration as an elector under subsection 2(a) is effective only for the election or other voting for which the voting is being conducted at that time.

3. Additional general voting opportunities

The Board authorizes the Chief Election Officer to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each election and to designate the voting places and voting hours, within the limits set out in section 96(2) of the *Act*, for such voting opportunities.

4. Required advance voting opportunities

- (a) Pursuant to section 97(2) of the *Act*, the required advance voting opportunity will be held on the 10th day before general voting day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for each election;

- 4(b) The advance voting opportunity referred to in section 97(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act* will be held on the Saturday immediately prior to general voting day.

*(Amended October 1, 1999 by Bylaw 939, 1999)*

5. Determination of results by lot if tie vote 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 section 141 of the *Act*.

6. "Elections Procedure Bylaw 752" and "Elections Procedures Amendment Bylaw 758, 1993" are hereby repealed.
7. This bylaw may be cited as "Greater Vancouver Regional District Election Procedures Bylaw No. 841, 1996".

READ A FIRST TIME this 26th day of July, 1996;

READ A SECOND TIME this 26th day of July, 1996;

READ A THIRD TIME this 26th day of July, 1996;

RECONSIDERED, PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 1996.

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Chairperson

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Secretary

*Adopted July 26, 1996*