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Meeting.....2011 March 14

COUNCIL REPORT

**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2011 March 09

**FROM:** CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER **FILE:** 45000  
*Reference: 2011 Election*

**SUBJECT: 2011 ELECTION BYLAWS**

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council authorization to prepare bylaws for conducting Advance and Special Voting Opportunities for the 2011 Local Government Election and to enter into an agreement with School District 41 regarding cost sharing.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council authorize the City Solicitor to prepare a bylaw to provide additional Advance Voting Opportunities on 2011 November 05, 08, 09, and 16.
2. **THAT** Council authorize the City Solicitor to prepare a bylaw to provide a Special Voting Opportunity for qualified residents of care homes and seniors facilities on 2011 November 08 as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report, and for qualified residents hospitalized in Burnaby General Hospital on general voting day, 2011 November 19.
3. **THAT** Council authorize the City Clerk to execute an agreement with School District No. 41 to share in the costs of the 2011 local government election for school trustees.

**REPORT**

The Local Government Act requires the adoption of election bylaws and agreements for the conduct of local government elections.

**Advance Voting Opportunities**

Prior to 2008, the Local Government Act required voters to sign an affidavit providing their reason for voting at an advance voting opportunity. In 2008, the Local Government Act was amended to allow any elector to vote at an advance voting opportunity rather than on general voting day. This resulted in a much larger turnout for advance voting than in previous elections; in 2008 2,641 electors voted (8% of total votes cast) in one of the four Advance Voting Opportunities as compared to 1,058 (4.8% of total votes cast) in the previous election in 2005. Staff expect the number of advance voters to be even greater in 2011 as a result of increased awareness that advance voting is open to all Burnaby voters as well as the general increase in population within Burnaby.

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In accordance with the Local Government Act, the City of Burnaby is required to hold at least two Advance Voting Opportunities, one of which must be 10 days prior to general voting day or Wednesday, 2011 November 09. Since 1983 and the last 10 elections, Council has provided voters with four days to cast their ballot in advance of general voting day. To select the advance dates for this election, staff referred to voter feedback and determined offering earlier advance voting on Saturday, November 05<sup>th</sup> could be beneficial in accommodating retired residents who leave for warmer climates during the winter months. The additional two dates were selected based on past practices and availability of Shadbolt Centre, a cost effective and convenient location.

The cost incurred in conducting the additional two days of voting includes pay for staff and is estimated to be about \$2,700 per day.

Therefore, in response to public feedback and in the interests of continuing to provide the highest level of customer service, staff is recommending four days of advance voting: 2011 November 05, 08, 09 and 16. With Council approval, voting will be held in Studio 103 - Shadbolt Centre for the Arts at 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on these dates.

### **Special Voting Opportunities**

Traditionally, Council have also provided Special Voting Opportunities (SVO) for qualified individuals residing in care facilities or seniors' housing or who are hospitalized on voting day.

In 2008, the SVO for seniors' facilities and care homes was held on one of the weekdays of advance voting prior to general voting day. This was in consideration of requests from the facilities as more staff are available on weekdays to assist persons in attending the voting place within the facilities. This also avoids conflicts with other special events (Remembrance Day ceremonies) scheduled to take place at this time of year. As the feedback was very positive, it is recommended Council continue with this practice and suggest the date be established as 2011 November 08.

It is recommended that Council approve the 2011 local government election with special voting opportunities to be held at the date, times and locations as noted in Appendix 1. The voting for Burnaby General Hospital will still be held on general voting day, 2011 November 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Skipsey  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

Copies Deputy City Managers  
City Solicitor  
City Clerk

## APPENDIX #1

The following places are hereby established as Special Voting Opportunities on 2011 November 08, for the general local election and other voting during the hours specified:

- (a) **AMICA AT RIDEAU MANOR**  
1850 Rosser Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V5C 5E1  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
  
- (b) **COURTYARD TERRACE**  
3730 Burke Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5H 1A3  
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  
- (c) **DANIA HOME**  
4035 Norland Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4T7  
4155 Norland Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 3S7  
4215 Norland Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4V1  
& 4279 Norland Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 3Z6  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  
- (d) **FAIR HAVEN UNITED CHURCH**  
7557 Sussex Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V5J 3V6  
& 4351 Rumble Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5J 2A2  
11:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  
- (e) **FELLBURN CARE CENTRE**  
6050 E. Hastings Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5B 1R6  
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  
- (f) **FINNISH MANOR**  
3460 Kalyk Avenue  
& 3462 Kalyk Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 3B2  
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- (g) GEORGE DERBY CENTRE  
7550 Cumberland Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V3N 3X5  
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  
- (h) HARMONY COURT CENTRE  
& ESTATE  
7195 Canada Way  
Burnaby, B.C. V5E 3R7  
& 7197 Canada Way  
Burnaby, B.C. V5E 4A6  
1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  
- (i) LIBERTY PLACE  
7899 17th Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V3N 1M1  
4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  
- (j) NEW VISTA SOCIETY  
7550 Rosewood Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5E 3Z3  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  
- (k) NIKKEI HOME  
6680 Southoaks Crescent  
Burnaby, B.C. V5E 4N3  
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  
- (l) NORMANNA REST HOME  
7725 - 4th Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V3N 4B6  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
  
- (m) SETON VILLA  
3755 McGill Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5C 1M2  
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  
- (n) ST. MICHAELS CENTRE  
7451 Sussex Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V5J 5C2  
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

- (o) SWEDISH CANADIAN MANOR  
1812 Duthie Avenue  
Burnaby, B.C. V5A 3R3  
& 7250 Halifax Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5A 4V6  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  
- (p) WILLINGDON PARK HOSPITAL  
4435 Grange Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5H 1P4  
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following place is hereby established as a Special Voting Opportunity on 2011 November 19 for the general local election and other voting during the hours specified:

- (a) BURNABY HOSPITAL  
3935 Kincaid Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 2X6  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.