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Meeting.....2011 March 07

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2011 March 02
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.

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. Council is required to hold at least two Advance Voting Opportunities, one 10 days prior to general voting day and the other on another date to be established by bylaw, however, staff recommend four days of advance voting: 2011 November 05, 08, 09 and 16. Voting will be held in Studio 103 of the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts at 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on those dates.

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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 scheduled to take place on the weekends 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.

In closing, 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.