

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION
BYLAW NO. 576**

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

WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied to the conduct of local government elections and other voting;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to establish voting procedures and requirements under that authority;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Port Alice, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 576, 2011.”

2. ACCESS TO NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

As authorized under section 73 of the *Local Government Act*, public access to nomination documents will be made available for public inspection at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Monday to Friday) from the time of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of the election results under section 136 of the *Local Government Act*.

3. ADDITIONAL ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

- (a) In addition to the required advance voting opportunity on the 10th day before general voting day, the following days are hereby established as advance voting opportunities for general local elections and other voting:

Five (5) business days preceding General Voting Day on which the Municipal Office is open for regular business between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

- (b) Advance voting opportunities on the dates specified in subsection 3(a) shall be available between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at

The Municipal Office
1061 Marine Drive
Port Alice, BC

4. MAIL BALLOT VOTING

- (a) As authorized under section 100 of the *Local Government Act*, voting and registration may be done by mail for those electors who meet the criteria in paragraph (b) for each election or other voting.
- (b) The following electors are permitted to register to vote by mail and to vote by mail ballot:
- (i) those persons who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity;

- (ii) persons who expect to be absent from the Village of Port Alice on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities;
- (c) The following procedures for voting and registration must apply:
- (i) Sufficient record will be kept by the chief election officer so that challenges of the elector's right to vote may be made in accordance with the intent of section 116 of the *Local Government Act*;
 - (ii) a person exercising the right to vote by mail under the provisions of section 100 may be challenged in accordance with, and on the grounds specified in section 116 of the *Local Government Act*, until 4:30 pm two days before general voting day.
- (d) The time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot are as provided in the *Local Government Act*. A mail ballot must be received by the chief election officer before the close of voting on general voting day in order to be counted for an election.

5. ORDER OF NAMES ON BALLOT

The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be determined by lot in accordance with section 107 of the *Local Government Act*.

6. NUMBER OF SCRUTINEERS AT VOTING PLACES

As authorized under section 110(3) of the *Local Government Act*, the number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is one (1).

7. RESOLUTION OF TIE VOTE AFTER JUDICIAL RECOUNT

- (a) 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 *Local Government Act*.

8. ACCESS TO CAMPAIGN FINANCING DOCUMENTS

As authorized under section 93 of the *Local Government Act*, public access to disclosure statements, signed declarations, and supplementary reports required under sections 90 and 90.1 of the *Local Government Act* will be made available for public inspection at the Municipal Office during regular office hours from the time of filing until seven (7) years after general voting day for the election to which they relate. A person who inspects or otherwise accesses a document referred to in subsection (1) under this section must not use the information included in it except for the purpose of the following:

- i. this part;
- ii. Division 6 [Conflict of Interest] or Division 7 [Disqualification Of Part 4 of the Community Charter.

9. REPEAL

Village of Port Alice Elections and Other Voting Bylaw No. 511 is hereby repealed.

READ FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS 23rd day of March, 2011

READ FOR A SECOND TIME THIS 13th day of April, 2011.

READ FOR A THIRD TIME THIS 13th day of April, 2011.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th day of April, 2011.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Certified a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 576,
as adopted by Council on the 27th day of April, 2011.

Chief Administrative Officer