

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of Hope, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as ***“Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 1425, 2018.”***

2. ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

(a) Required Advance Voting:

- (i) In addition to the required advance voting opportunity on [10th day before general voting day], the required additional advance voting opportunity shall be held on the Wednesday immediately preceding general voting day.
- (ii) Advance voting opportunities on the days specified in subsection 2 (a)(i) shall be available between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at a location designated by the Chief Election Officer.

(b) Additional Advance Voting:

- (i) As authorized under section 108 of the *Local Government Act*, the Council authorizes the Chief Election Officer to establish dates for additional voting opportunities to be held in advance of general voting day and to designate the voting places and set the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

3. SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

- (a) As authorized under section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, special voting opportunities will be provided and the Chief Election Officer is hereby authorized to establish the dates, locations, and voting hours within the

limits set out in section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, for the special voting opportunities.

- (b) The following restrictions apply as to who may vote at the special voting opportunities:
 - (i) The only electors who may vote at a special voting opportunity on the date when the special voting opportunity is held are those voters who are residents of the facilities or those who have been admitted as patients to the hospital.
- (c) The number of candidate representatives who may be present at a special voting opportunity is limited to:
 - i. One representative from candidates running for the office of Mayor.
 - ii. One representative from candidates running for the office of Councillor.

4. ADDITIONAL GENERAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

As authorized under section 106 of the *Local Government Act*, additional voting opportunities for general voting day will be provided and the Chief Election Officer is hereby authorized to designate the voting places and set the voting hours within the limits set out in section 106 of the *Local Government Act*, for the additional general voting opportunities.

5. RESOLUTION OF 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 151 of the *Local Government Act*.

6. REPEAL

The "Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 1354, 2014 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME this 14th day of May, 2018.

ADOPTED this 28th day of May, 2018.

Original signed by Mayor Wilfried Vicktor
Mayor

Original signed by Donna Bellingham
Director of Corporate Services