ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL
BYLAW NO. 124

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Bylaw No.	Amendment No.	Adoption Date
Bylaw No. 157	Amendment No. 1/2014	June 29, 2014
Bylaw No. 174	Amendment No. 2/2018	April 17, 2018
Bylaw No. 187	Amendment No. 1/2022	July 4, 2022
Bylaw No. 208	Amendment No. 1/2026	June 24, 2026

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A Bylaw to provide procedures for the conduct of local government elections and voting.

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

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

NOW THEREFORE the Islands Trust Council, having jurisdiction in respect of the Trust Area in the Province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Islands Trust Act*, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Islands Trust Election Procedures Bylaw, 2008".

2. VOTER REGISTRATION

Pursuant to Section 69 of the *Local Government Act*, registration of electors may be limited to registration at the time of voting in those Regional Districts where no register of electors is maintained, and where registration of electors is limited to the time of voting, such registration is effective only for the election for which the voting is being conducted at the time of registration.

3. ADDITIONAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish additional voting opportunities for general voting day under Section 106 of the *Local Government Act* and special voting opportunities under Section 109 of the *Local Government Act*, and to designate the voting places and set the voting hours for such voting opportunities.

4. MAIL BALLOT VOTING

1. Pursuant to Section 110(1) of the *Local Government Act* mail ballot voting is permitted for all local trust areas and elector registration may be done in conjunction with such voting.

2. The chief election officer is authorized to establish time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot.

3. The chief election officer shall keep sufficient records so that challenges of an elector's right to vote may be made in accordance with the intent of section 126 of the *Local Government Act*.

5. ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

1. In local trust areas with a population greater than 5000, an advance voting opportunity shall be provided on the 10th and 3rd days before general voting day.

2. In local trust areas with a population of 5000 or less, an advance voting opportunity shall be provided on the 10th day before general voting day.

3. The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish the voting places for advance voting opportunities.

6. 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*.

7. GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION AGREEMENTS

Where there is an agreement in place between the Islands Trust Council and a Regional District under Section 57 of the *Local Government Act* in respect of any particular election, the agreement shall specify which provisions of the elections bylaw of each party apply to the election, and the election bylaw provisions so specified shall apply to the election. 1

LOCAL TRUST AREA	REGIONAL DISTRICT
Denman Hornby	Comox Valley
Gabriola	Nanaimo
Galiano Mayne North Pender Salt Spring South Pender Saturna	Capital
Gambier	Sunshine Coast Metro Vancouver
Lasqueti	qathet
Thetis	Cowichan Valley

1 This gives maximum flexibility to customize each agreement to the particular circumstances of each Regional District and avoids imposing the obligation of mail ballots on any party.

8. PUBLIC ACCESS TO NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

1. Pursuant to Section 89 (7) and (8) of the *Local Government Act*, nomination documents delivered to the Chief Election Officer shall be available for public inspection in the Islands Trust's Victoria office during regular working hours from the time of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of the election results, shall be placed on the Islands Trust web-site as soon as practical after delivery until at least 30 days after the declaration of election results, and may be made available by other electronic means.

2. Notwithstanding subsection (1) above, the nomination documents available for public inspection on the Islands Trust website shall not include the residential address of the person nominated other than the municipality, electoral area or treaty lands in which the person is resident."

REPEAL

9. Bylaw No. 78, being "Islands Trust Election Procedures Bylaw, 2000" is repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	12TH	DAY OF	JUNE	2008
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	12TH	DAY OF	JUNE	2008
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	12TH	DAY OF	JUNE	2008
ADOPTED THIS	27TH	DAY OF	JUNE	2008

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SECRETARY CHAIR