

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)

2023 SCHOOL TRUSTEE BY-ELECTION

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION BY VOTING

TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREA 1 (UPPER)

Comprised of Sunshine Coast Regional District Electoral Areas A and B, and shíshálh Nation Government District 6, 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 21, 21A, 22, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) **Trustee Electoral Area 1 (Upper)** that, in accordance with the legislation in the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act*, a By-Election by Voting is necessary to elect one School Trustee for the remainder of a four year term ending in December 2026. The persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are as follows:

SCHOOL TRUSTEE – One to be elected

Surname	Usual Names	Residential Address
MCCLELLAND	Tracey Lynn	Sechelt, BC
O'KEEFFE	Jay Dean	Madeira Park, BC

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

ADVANCE VOTING will be held as follows:

Wednesday, November 29, between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location:

Voting Place	Address
Coopers Green Hall	5500 Fisherman Road, Halfmoon Bay

Wednesday, December 6, between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location:

Voting Place	Address
Pender Harbour Community School	5012 Gonzales Rd, Madeira Park

BY-ELECTION VOTING DAY will be:

Saturday, December 9, between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following locations:

Voting Places	Address
Pender Harbour Community School	5012 Gonzales Rd, Madeira Park
Coopers Green Hall	5500 Fisherman Road, Halfmoon Bay

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Registration of qualified electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to complete the application form available at the voting place and to make a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below. **You must bring two pieces of identification (see below for details) in order to register.**

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day (December 9, 2023);
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a resident of Trustee Electoral Area 1 (Upper) on the day of registration (at time of voting); and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

To register as a non-resident property elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on voting day (December 9, 2023);
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a registered owner of real property in Trustee Electoral Area 1 (Upper) for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

In addition, for non-resident property electors:

- The only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.
- If more than one person is registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

In addition, in order to register to vote:

To register, resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

To register, non-resident property electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent** from the majority of the property owners.

Note: Combined BC Drivers License and Care Card count as 1 piece of ID only.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE:

In order to obtain a mail ballot, you must submit the following information to the Chief Election Officer at School District No. 46 by 4:00 p.m. on December 8, 2023:

- (1) Full name,
- (2) Residential address,
- (3) Address of the property in relation to which you are voting (for non-resident property electors only),
- (4) Method of delivery of your mail ballot package:
 - pick up at the School Board Office at 494 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons and, if you wish, name of person you authorize to pick up package for you, OR
 - regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address, provided the request is received before November 24, 2023, OR
 - regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address that you provide when requesting the ballot package, provided the request is received before November 24, 2023, and
- (5) To ensure you receive the correct registration application form in your package, you must indicate whether you are going to be registering as a resident or non-resident property elector.

An application form is available on the website at www.sd46.bc.ca/mailballot for your convenience.

Requests for mail ballots will be received either in person at 494 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons, BC; or by mail to School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) PO Box 220, Gibsons, BC, V0N 1V0; or by email to 2023byelection@sd46.bc.ca. **Please note that once you request a mail ballot, you will not be issued another ballot for this election.**

To be counted, your completed mail ballot must be received either at the School Board Office before 4:00 p.m. on December 8, 2023, or in person at either of the voting locations listed above before 8:00 p.m. on December 9, 2023.

If you have a mail ballot package and wish to vote at any other voting opportunity instead of by mail, bring your mail ballot package to a voting opportunity and speak to an election official.

It is the responsibility of the elector to return the ballot by these deadlines.

For additional information, contact:

Robert Harper, Chief Election Officer at 250-802-1953
Nicholas Weswick, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 604-886-4485
Email: 2023byelection@sd46.bc.ca