



The Corporation of the City of Courtenay

Staff Report

To: Council
From: Corporate Officer
Subject: Election Amendment Bylaw No. 3224, 2026

File No.: 3900, 4200
Date: April 29, 2026

PURPOSE: For Council’s consideration of amendments to Election Bylaw No. 3073, 2022.

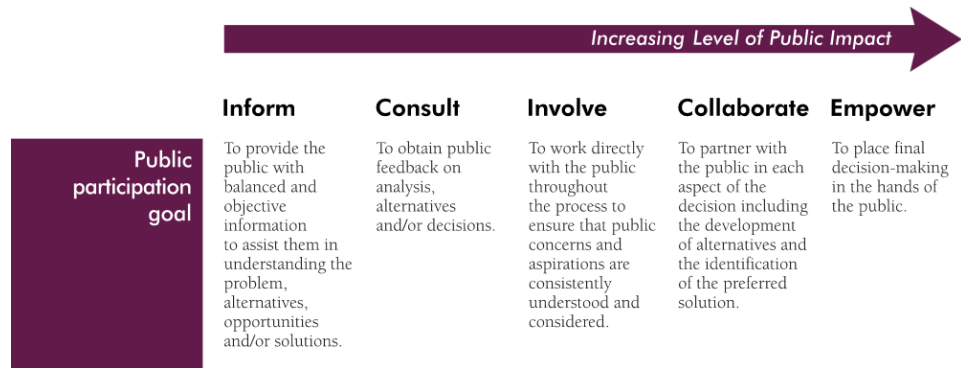
BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION:

At the March 25, 2026, meeting, Council directed staff to prepare an amendment to Election Bylaw No. 3073, 2022. The proposed amendments to “Election Bylaw No. 3073, 2022” update provisions related to the voters list, ballot formatting, election signage and oath of office. Section 7 is revised to clarify that the voters list includes resident electors, non-resident property electors, and individuals granted the Freedom of the City. Section 10 is updated to reflect an exception requiring alphabetical listing on the ballot where more than 20 candidates are nominated for a position. Sections 55–58 are replaced to update regulations for political signage, including timelines for placement and removal, as well as safety and placement restrictions. Section 60, oath of office, is repealed as it is no longer required.

See March 25, 2026 “Election Bylaw and Appointments” staff report for further details regarding the proposed amendments.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Staff would inform the public based on the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation:



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OPTIONS:

1. THAT Council give first, second, and third readings to “Election Amendment Bylaw No. 3224, 2026”.
2. THAT Council provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Election Amendment Bylaw No. 3224, 2026

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