

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

BYLAW NO. 3184

A Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 3069, cited as the
“Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedures Bylaw, 2022, No. 3069”

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedures Bylaw, 2022, No. 3069, Amendment Bylaw, 2026, No. 3184.”
2. That Bylaw No. 3069, cited as the “Automated Vote Counting System Authorization and Procedures Bylaw, 2022, No. 3069” be amended as follows:

(1) Replace the definition of Automated vote counting system with the following:

“Automated vote counting system means a system that counts and records votes and processes and stores election or any voting results. An automated vote counting system consists of two integrated hardware components:

- i. Vote Counting Unit, being the upper component
- ii. Ballot Box, being the lower component, which contains a single compartment for:
 - a. voted ballots; and
 - b. returned ballots which have been reinserted using the ballot return override procedure.

The ballot box may include a secondary compartment for the temporary storage of voted ballots during any period in which the vote counting unit is not operational. If a ballot box does not contain a secondary compartment, a secured portable ballot box shall be used for the temporary storage of voted ballots in accordance with the established directions by the Chief Election Officer.”

- (2) Under the definition for “Portable ballot box” add the word “Secured” prior to Portable ballot box; make the word “Portable” lowercase; and insert at the end of the definition after the word voting “or is not operational.”
- (3) Under the definition for “Storage ballot compartment” between the words “means a” and “ballot box” insert “second ballot compartment in the”
- (4) Under the definition of “Vote counting unit” replace “the device” with “a tabulator”.
- (5) In Section 3 replace “VOTING MACHINES” with “VOTE COUNTING UNITS”
- (6) In Section 5.11 in the second paragraph between the word’s “compartment” and “as soon” insert the words “or the secured portable ballot box shall”.
- (7) In Section 5.12 between the words “compartment” and “during” insert the words “or the secured portable ballot box”

- (8) In Section 6.2 insert as subsection b) “the ballot boxes are sealed to prevent insertion of any ballots;” and re-alphabetize the subsections; and under the old subsection b) between the word’s “compartment” and “are sealed” insert the words “or the secured portable ballot box’.
- (9) In Section 6.3 subsection a) between the word’s “compartment” and “are inserted” insert the words “or the secured portable ballot box”.
- (10) In Section 8.1 subsection a) between the words “compartment” and “are inserted” insert the words “or the secured portable ballot box”; and insert as subsection e) “the ballot boxes are sealed to prevent insertion of any ballots;” and re-alphabetize the subsections.
- (11) In Section 8.3 between the words “The” and “portable” insert the word “secured”.

READ a first time by the Municipal Council on the day of , 2026.

READ a second time by the Municipal Council on the day of , 2026.

READ a third time by the Municipal Council on the day of , 2026.

ADOPTED by the Municipal Council on the day of , 2026.

BARBARA DESJARDINS
MAYOR

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