

## SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF VOTING BY MAIL

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There have been many news reports and recent publicity around the security and integrity of voting by mail. The City of Burnaby has taken steps to ensure the integrity of the mail ballot process to maintain the secrecy and integrity of voting by mail.

- ✓ Electors must apply to vote by mail with proof of identity and address;
- ✓ The Burnaby Election Office reviews all applications and checks the identification of the voter;
- ✓ A designated election staff member notes on the electronic voters' list that the application is approved and a mail ballot issued;
- ✓ Once the notation is added to the voters' list the elector cannot receive a ballot or vote at any other location unless the mail ballot package is returned in its entirety to the Chief;
- ✓ Election Officer or a Presiding Election Official at an advance or general voting location;
- ✓ The mail ballot package is sent to the voter at the address provided, or picked up in person with appropriate identification, or picked up by a person designated in writing by the voter, who must also show appropriate identification before the ballot package is provided;
- ✓ The elector completes their ballot and seals it in Envelope A;
- ✓ The elector puts sealed Envelope A into Envelope B, seals Envelope B, signs the declaration on the outside and places Envelope B in outer Envelope C to mail back to Burnaby Election Office;
- ✓ The signed declaration states the voter is entitled to be registered as an elector, entitled to vote by mail and has not previously voted and will not vote again in the election;
- ✓ The elector either mails the ballot back to Burnaby Election Office or drops it into a designated mail ballot box at advance or general voting locations, public libraries, Simon Fraser University Library, City Hall or Burnaby Election Office;
- ✓ Election staff, in the presence of another person, who may be an election worker or scrutineer, opens envelope C, removes envelope B, checks to make sure the declaration is complete, removes envelope A which has no identification information and places it in a secure ballot box so that it is impossible to associate an elector's identity with their vote;
- ✓ The Voters' List is marked to show the elector has voted and is therefore unable to vote at any advance or general voting location;
- ✓ Envelope B is maintained in a separate, secure file in the even it is required to address a challenge to an elector in accordance with the Local Government Act.