

Edgemont Community Association

Procedures for Nomination and Voting for election of 2017-2018 Board

This is a year of transition, as determined by the approval of the new Bylaws at the recent Special General Meeting, and now accepted and registered by the Province.

- 1) Directors' terms change from board members being elected for a 1 year term, to now going to board directors being elected for a 2 year term. For the 2017-2018 board year, the year of transition, there will be minimum of 7 directors, maximum of 15 directors. Up to 8 directors will be elected for a 2 year term, and up to 7 directors elected for a 1 year term.
- 2) The bylaws now specify that the number of votes per Membership is limited to maximum two votes per household. In the past, all eligible residents of the same household could vote through a single Membership.
- 3) Memberships can still be bought at the door this year at the AGM. In future memberships must be purchased 30 days in advance of the AGM to be eligible to vote.

Nominations:

1. The board nominating committee identifies who on the current board would like to stand for re-election (all standing must then fill out a standard Consent and information form, and specifying willingness to serve for 1 or 2 years)
2. The board nominating committee makes a call for nominees from the members at large (requiring the same Consent and information form filled out), via notices on the ECA Bulletin Board and web site, with a deadline of 4 pm April 12th for submission.
3. An info packet on all the nominees is assembled and posted on the web site, and made available at the office and at the AGM in hardcopy.
4. There will still be the opportunity for nominees from the floor at the AGM, although they will be at a bit of a disadvantage since their information will not have been provided to members in advance. Any nominees from the floor will need to fill in a consent and information form and submit to the Voting Scrutineer before their nomination can be made on the floor.
5. At the AGM all the nominees are introduced, and there is a call from the floor for any further nominees.
6. All nominees make a brief statement, including any nominees from the floor.

The nominees speak in random order (pre-determined), and with the nominees from the floor coming at the end. All nominees will indicate if they are willing to serve for 2 years, or just 1. (The reasonable assumption is that if someone is willing to serve for 2 years, then they are also certainly willing to serve for 1 year, if there are no further 2 year positions open).

Voting

1. Upon registration, each member will receive a ballot. The ballot will have a list of all the nominees identified to date, the number of years they are willing to serve, and a place for an X. There will also be some blank spaces where nominees from the floor can be written in by hand by the ballot holders at their seats.
2. If there are fewer than 15 nominees, then all can be elected to the board as a group, via a simple hand vote, no ballot required.
3. If more than 15 nominees, then the paper ballot is required.
4. Each member can place up to 15 X's max on the ballot, no minimum. Voters don't need to worry about whether they are voting for 1 year or 2 year candidates.
5. More than 15 X's on a ballot make it a spoiled (rejected) ballot, and none of the votes count.
6. If there is a large turnout (say 100 or more, which is quite possible), the counting will take at least 30 minutes, or longer if more than 100. Consider announcing that the results will be announced at 10 am the next day by posting on the ECA bulletin board, and with posting on the web site and FB page to follow as soon after that as possible. Adjourn the meeting.
7. The ballots are collected and counted (the suggested detailed procedure follows).
8. Once the total number are tabulated for each candidate, they are each reviewed in the following sequence, in descending order of total number of votes received.
 - a) If the candidate is willing to serve for 2 years, and there is a 2 year slot open, the candidate is assigned to that slot.
 - b) If the candidate is willing to serve for 2 years, and there are no longer any 2 year slots open, but there is a 1 year slot open, then the candidate is assigned to that slot.
 - c) If the candidate is willing to serve for only 1 year, and there is a 1 year slot open, then the candidate is assigned to that slot.

The only wrinkle to this would be if fewer than 8 people were will to serve for a 2 year term, in which case 2 year positions would have to be filled for only 1 year this time round.

9. The results are announced.
10. The transition process and plan (TBD) for the new board is put in place.