

### Questions Asked at the Candidate Information Session

Q: Will nomination papers be published on the website as they are received?

A: Yes, nomination papers are published on the Village website and forwarded to Elections BC when the completed package has been received.

Q: What does this statement refer to “Immediately after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2022, I will declare all individuals who have been successfully nominated as candidates for elected office.”

A: On September 9 the Chief Election Officer will make a statutory declaration identifying the names of the candidates who have been successfully nominated as candidates for elected office in accordance with section 97 (1) of the Local Government Act.

Q: Will all candidates be able to place a statement announcing their candidacy in the Village Update?

A: Staff are currently reviewing this request with the Elections BC and will advise.

Q: What are the five committees of Council?

A:

- Curly Stuart Memorial Trust Fund
- Memorial Committee
- Tree and View Committee
- Climate Action Committee
- Emergency Program Committee

Q: What is a standing committee?

A: A standing committee meets regularly and has a broader mandate than a select committee, which is appointed for a special purpose, the standing committee is comprised of at least 50% Council membership. All committees are advisory committees providing recommendations to Council for their consideration.

Q: What protects the actions of Council and staff from the ramifications of making an error?

A: There is an indemnity bylaw and provisions in both the Local Government Act and the Community Charter which protects Council , committee members, staff and volunteers acting on behalf of the municipality in good faith.

Q: Are emails sent to Mayor and Council considered confidential?

A: Generally, correspondence addressed to Council is placed in the Correspondence section of the regular Agenda. However, depending upon the circumstances it may be received by Council in the closed portion of the meeting if there are reasons which pertain to things like confidentiality or legal advice or Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act considerations. It is not always a black and white answer. If Council is uncertain about whether or not something should be discussed in open or closed meeting, it is placed in closed to determine that question and if they decide, they can bring the matter into the open meeting for the discussion. That is up to Council.

Q: How many lawsuits are pending against the Village?

A: One.

Q: Who can individuals complain to if they do not believe that the election is not being conducted in a fair and equitable manner?

A: Concerns can be addressed to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Governance and Structure Branch.

Q: Who can a member of Council receive a written opinion from if they believe they are no longer in conflict of interest in a matter.

A: Members of Council can speak with the Village of Lions Bay solicitor, or their own lawyer, to receive guidance whether they are in a conflict of interest. There will be no fee charged to the member of Council for consultation with the municipal solicitor, either directly or via the CAO.

Q: What is the remuneration for a school trustee?

A: The current remuneration for trustees on the West Vancouver School Board is as follows:

Chair \$27,859

Vice \$25,683

Trustee \$24,959

This amount is adjusted every July 01 based on the 12 month average CPI increase for Vancouver.

Q: What do I need to declare as campaign financing funds?

A: Candidates must contact Electoral Finance through Elections BC 1-800-661-8683 or [electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca](mailto:electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca) to receive guidance on campaign financing expenditures.

Q: Can Councillors get training for understanding their role?

A: Yes, training is available through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Lower Mainland Local Government Association.

Q: Why are land matters considered in closed meeting?

A: Section 90 of the Community Charter provides Council with the ability to consider sensitive matters pertaining to land in a closed session. Please see slide 9 of the Candidate Information Session presentation.

Some questions were addressed in the slide material, if further clarification is required please do not hesitate to contact the Village Office.