

ELECTIONS

ON MOTION DULY MADE SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING POLICY ON ELECTIONS WAS ADOPTED BY FORESTWOOD CO-OPERATIVE HOMES INC.

Date passed by the Board of Directors: April 20, 2005

Date confirmed by the Members: June 8, 2005

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the Annual Election of the Board of Directors.

2. Election Planning Committee

A permanent Election Planning Committee has been established to plan up coming elections. Anyone who is a member of Forestwood may participate and/or join the committee.

3. Chief Election Officer (CEO)

The Election Planning committee will appoint or elect the Chief Elections Officer (CEO); the general members will confirm the selection at a meeting of the General Members.

No relatives of Candidates may serve as the Chief Election Officer (CEO), i.e. parents, sister, brothers, aunts, uncles, in-laws, cousins.

4. Scrutineers. Volunteers. Interpreters

Scrutineers, volunteers, and interpreters for the day will be appointed by the Chief Election Officer (CEO) and the Election Planning Committee prior to the day of election.

No relatives (as described in item 3) of Candidates may serve as scrutineers, volunteers, or interpreters.

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5. Candidates

To be considered eligible to run for the Board of Directors, all candidates must be qualified as listed below, according to The General By-Law 1, Article 5.4

- Is a member of the Co-operative for at least one year
- Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- Is not an undischarged bankrupt at the time of nomination and was not in the preceding one (1) year;
- Is not a mentally incompetent person;
- Has been a volunteer of the Co-operative;
- Has been in attendance at a minimum at (2) two General Members Meetings in the preceding one (1) year, or if there has been only one (1) such General Members Meetings, was in attendance at that meeting. Allowances will be made for extenuating circumstances.
- Has been nominated in writing before the close of nominations - no nominations will be accepted from the floor on the day of the election; and
- Must attend and participate in the current Candidates Workshop.

6. Voting Eligibility Criteria

Only members of Forestwood Co-operative are eligible to vote.

All voters must be on the membership list to be eligible to vote. The Membership list will be posted one week prior to the election, and members can check to see if they are on the list. Any oversights or inquiries must be brought to the attention of the office immediately.

7. Election Day Process

Voting will be done in a CLOSED room with two Election Officers present. They alone will assist members with the balloting when necessary

The CEO shall take steps to insure a fair and impartial election. Any notice of wrong doing must be immediately brought to the attention of the CEO and will be dealt with by him/her at his/her discretion.

Volunteers will be posted at the room to prevent interference with the balloting and the counting of the ballots after the polls are posted.

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8. Casting of Ballots

Casting of Ballots will be supervised by the CEO with a view to an orderly process.

9. Disclosure of Elected Persons

The only names announced at the closing of the meeting will be the names of the successful candidates.

In the case of a tie, procedures will be followed according to By-Law 1, Article 5.10 (b)

10. Disclosure of Count

The only numbers announced will be the total number of ballots cast and the total number of spoiled ballots.

11. Destruction of Ballots

After the official announcement of the election results, the ballots will be destroyed thirty (30) days after, unless within those thirty (30) days there has been an objection or challenge to the election.