

**TRUSTEE VARIATION BYLAW**

**A BYLAW to establish a process for consultation and consideration of possible changes in the number of trustees of the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo Ladysmith)**

**WHEREAS** section 30(4) of the School Act authorizes the Minister of Education to vary the number of trustees elected to a Board of Education;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) wishes to establish a transparent process whereby it will consider whether to make a request that the Minister of Education change the number of trustees of the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo Ladysmith);

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) wishes to ensure the process by which any such request is made to the Minister of Education has appropriately consulted with relevant constituencies and taken into account relevant information;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) agrees to the following:

**Title**

This Bylaw shall be titled the “Trustee Variation Bylaw”.

**Procedure**

Prior to voting on any resolution to request the Minister of Education to vary the number of trustees on the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), the Board shall engage in the consultation process described in this Bylaw.

An individual proposing a change in the number of trustees on the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) shall submit such proposal in writing to the Board of Education for consideration. The proposal must state the proposed change and a detailed rationale for the proposed change.

If the Board resolves to consider whether to propose a change in the number of trustees on the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to the Minister of Education, notice that the proposed change will be considered by the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) must be brought to the attention of the public. Such notice can be brought to the attention of the public by posting such notice on the School District website, placing an advertisement in local newspapers, and posting such notice on bulletin boards in schools in the District.

In addition, the Board shall request the views in writing of the following groups:

The City of Nanaimo  
The Town of Ladysmith  
The District of Lantzville  
The Nanaimo Regional Board  
The Cowichan Regional Board  
The Islands Trust  
First Nations communities within the boundaries of the School District  
The District Parent Advisory Council  
The Nanaimo District Teachers' Association  
CUPE Local 606  
The Nanaimo District Principals' and Vice Principals' Association

Such other groups as the trustees consider appropriate.

Copies of any representations made in writing to trustees with respect to the proposed variation in the number of trustees on the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) must be made available for public inspection at the School Board office.

Prior to voting upon a resolution to request a variation in the number of trustees on the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), the Board must hold not less than one public meeting at which the representations of the community may be heard.

Should trustees resolve to request that the Minister of Education vary the number of trustees on the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo Ladysmith), the Board shall make the request in the manner set out in the Trustee Variation Guidelines published by the Ministry of Education from time to time, or such guidelines as may subsequently replace those guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The process for Trustee Variation is hereby adopted.
2. The Bylaw may be cited as “Trustee Variation Bylaw”.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2011.

READ A SECOND TIME THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2011.

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2011.

Original signed by S. Welch, Board Chair

Original signed by P. Turin, Secretary-Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and original School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) Trustee Variation bylaw adopted by the Board the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2011.

**Legal References:**

**Monitoring Method:**

**Monitoring Frequency:**

**Adopted:**

*Adopted 2008.08.27 Amended 2012.12.10*