

Chief Returning Officer's Declaration and Order
2024 Fall Elections
Made under section 10(a) of By-law 12

The Elections Committee met on August 29, 2024, and failed to provide a recommendation for the election dates for the 2024 Fall Election. A second meeting was scheduled for September 12, 2024, but failed to achieve quorum. The Chief Returning Officer presented draft election dates in accordance with section 3 of By-law 12, but the Board did not act on the resolution.

In order to have proper administrative procedures in place for the election, the election dates must be set by October 1, 2024.

Section 3(a) of By-law 12 reads:

The timetable for the elections shall be as follows:

- i. For the fall election, the voting shall conclude no later than the first Friday in December; and
- ii. For spring elections, the voting shall end no later than the first Friday in April.

Section 3(b) of By-law 12 reads:

The elections shall be divided into four periods:

- i. Nominations period, which shall start on the 5th business day prior to the close of Nominations and shall end on the day approved for the close of Nominations;
- ii. Campaign period, which shall begin on the 10th business day before the Close of Voting and continue until the close of voting;
- iii. Voting Period shall be the five days approved by the Board for voting;
- iv. The period in between the close of nominations and the start of the campaign period.

Section 10(a) of By-law 12 reads:

The CRO shall have the sole authority to administer the provisions of these By-laws and the election regulations made under this by-law by the CRO, Board, or Elections Committee.

Section 10(b) of By-law 12 reads:

The CRO reserves the right to make rulings on issues and events not otherwise covered in this code or to add such rulings to supplement existing sections.

Therefore, as the sole administrator of the election under section 10(a) and (b) of By-law 12, I find:

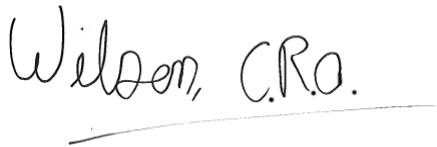
1. That the Board has failed to set an election dates in accordance with the By-laws.

2. That there is no reasonable prospect of the normal procedures being followed without the use of the extraordinary powers of the Chief Returning Officer under By-law 12, section 10(a).
3. That the failure to hold an election in accordance with the By-laws will result in a material breach of the By-laws and the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*.
4. That there is no provision on how to proceed in this matter in the By-laws.

I, therefore, as the sole administrator of the election under section 10(a) and (b) of By-law 12, order for the Fall 2024 election:

1. Nominations Period shall be from November 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to November 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.;
2. Campaign Period shall be from November 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to November 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.; and
3. Voting Period shall be from November 25, 2024, to November 29, 2024, at such times, places, and methods as determined by the Chief Returning Officer.

ORDERED AT TORONTO, ONTARIO
this 16th day of September, 2024.



Charles Wilson
Chief Returning Officer