



Candidate Nomination Period Opens Today for Victoria's By-Election on Saturday, April 4

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VICTORIA, BC — The nomination period for candidates wishing to run in Victoria's 2020 By-Election opens today at 9 a.m. and will close at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020.

Voters in Victoria will vote to elect **one Councillor**. The position became vacant when Laurel Collins resigned from Victoria City Council in November 2019 following her election to the House of Commons as Member of Parliament for Victoria.

Prospective candidates can pick up a nomination package in person at the Legislative Services Office at Victoria City Hall, #1 Centennial Square weekdays from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or can access it online at victoria.ca/election.

Completed nomination packages are to be filed in person at City Hall during the nomination period. Only eligible candidates who have filed their papers by the close of nomination will be included on the ballot.

A *2020 By-Election Candidate Profile Guide* containing information submitted by each candidate will be available on the City's website on March 10.

What Voters Need to Know

General Voting Day for Victoria's by-election is **Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

There will be five polling stations on General Voting Day, each equipped with two voting machines to reduce lines. Voters can vote at **any** of these locations:

- James Bay Community School, 140 Oswego Street
- Oaklands Elementary School, 2827 Belmont Avenue
- Sir James Douglas Elementary School, 401 Moss Street
- Victoria City Hall, 1 Centennial Square
- Victoria West Elementary School, 750 Front Street

Seven advance voting opportunities will be held **at Victoria City Hall**:

- Monday, March 23, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 25, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Friday, March 27, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Monday, March 30, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 31, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Those who are unable to vote in person due to a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at a voting opportunity, are residents of a care facility, or are absent from the municipality on General Voting Day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities, can apply to vote by mail ballot.

Applications to vote by mail are available on the City's website. The deadline to apply is Thursday, April 2 at 4 p.m. Mailed ballots must be received at City Hall by 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

An accessible voting machine will be available at each advance voting opportunity and on General Voting Day at City Hall to make voting more accessible for those with disabilities. A voter will be provided with headphones and their preferred selector device (i.e. a hand-held vote selector, paddles, or sip-and-puff) with which to vote via an audio voting session.

To be eligible to vote in Victoria's 2020 By-Election, you must be 18 years or older on voting day, be a Canadian citizen, a resident of British Columbia for at least six months, a resident of the City of Victoria or a registered owner of property in Victoria for at least 30 days prior to voting day.

If you own property in Victoria but live elsewhere, you are eligible to vote in Victoria's 2020 By-Election as a non-resident property elector – as long as you own the property as an individual, not as a corporation.

The City of Victoria uses the Provincial Voters List as its Voter List for the 2020 By-Election. You can check to see if you're on the Provincial Voters List on the City's website. If you're on the list, you are required to bring one piece of valid ID when you vote. If you're not on the list, you will need to bring two pieces of valid ID to register when voting.

For complete information on voter eligibility and acceptable identification on voting day, visit: victoria.ca/election.

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