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Victoria Votes 2022: What You Need to Know

VICTORIA, BC — General Voting Day for the City of Victoria's 2022 Local Government Election is **Saturday, October 15 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Eligible voters in the City of Victoria will vote to elect for a four-year term:

- 1 Mayor
- 8 Councillors
- 9 School Trustees (School District 61)
- 3 CRD Directors (of the 18 councillor candidates who have chosen to run)

Online Candidate Profile Guide

There are 45 candidates running for election to Victoria City Council: eight for Mayor and 37 for Councillor. To assist voters in finding information about candidates and to make informed choices the City provides an online Candidate Profile Guide. All candidates were given the opportunity to submit a brief candidate profile (up to 150 words) a photo and contact information to let voters know about themselves and their platforms.

Connect Newsletter – Special Election Edition

All City of Victoria residents were mailed the special election edition of the Connect newsletter and copies are available at local venues and on the City's website. The publication features helpful information on when and where to vote, the opportunity to request a mail ballot and acceptable identification to bring to a voting place. The newsletter has been translated into six languages and is available at victoria.ca/election.

Voter Card

Registered voters in the City of Victoria were mailed a Voting Card to bring with them, along with their identification, to help speed up the voting process. The Voter Card does not replace the requirement to provide identification at a voting place.

Who Can Vote

To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years or older on voting day, be a Canadian citizen, a resident of British Columbia for at least six months and a resident of the City of Victoria. If you own property in Victoria but live elsewhere, you are eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector – as long as you own the property as an individual, not as a corporation.

ID to Bring When Voting

If you are a registered voter, in addition to your voter card, you must present one piece of ID that includes your signature to prove identify. If you are registering to vote at a voting place, you will be required to present two pieces of ID, one of which must include your signature. To check whether you're on the Voters List, visit victoria.ca/voterslist.

Request a Mail Ballot

Anyone eligible to vote may request a mail ballot by filling out an online request form at victoria.ca/election or by calling 250.361.0571. Mail ballot packages are also available for pick up at Victoria City Hall. The last day a mail ballot package can be returned by mail is **Thursday, October 6**.

After Thursday, October 6, mail ballots are to be returned to the drop box located outside the Pandora Avenue entrance of Victoria City Hall, at any of the five advance voting opportunities or at any of the 13 voting places on General Voting Day. The City of Victoria must receive your mail ballot by 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 15 to be counted.

Accessible Voting

Services are available to assist people with accessibility needs to vote. All advance voting places and general voting places are wheelchair accessible. Voters who cannot enter a voting place can vote at the curb or in the parking lot (except at the University of Victoria advance voting opportunity due to on-street construction).

An accessible voting machine will be available on the October 5, October 11 and October 12 advance voting opportunities at Victoria City Hall, and at the Central Middle School voting place on General Voting Day on Saturday, October 15.

Assistance is available to voters unable to mark a ballot due to a physical disability or who have difficulty with reading or writing. Voters needing assistance to mark their ballot may bring another person who will be required to sign a declaration or ask an Election Official for assistance.

Advance Voting Opportunities

Advance voting opportunities begin a week from today:

Wednesday, October 5	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Victoria City Hall, Centennial Square
Friday, October 7	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Our Place, 919 Pandora Avenue
Tuesday, October 11	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Victoria City Hall, Centennial Square
Tuesday, October 11	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	University of Victoria, Student Union Building, 3800 Finnerty Road
Wednesday, October 12	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Victoria City Hall, Centennial Square

General Voting Day

Eligible voters can vote at any of the City of Victoria's 13 voting places on General Voting Day – Saturday, October 15 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. To reduce wait times, each voting place will have a minimum of two voting machines.

- Central Baptist Church - 833 Pandora Avenue
- Central Middle School - 1280 Fort Street (Accessible voting machine available)
- Cook Street Village Activity Centre - 380 Cook Street
- George Jay Elementary School - 1118 Princess Avenue
- Glenlyon Norfolk School - 781 Richmond Avenue
- James Bay Community School -140 Oswego Street
- James Bay New Horizons Centre - 234 Menzies Street
- Margaret Jenkins Elementary School - 1824 Fairfield Road
- Oaklands Elementary School - 2827 Belmont Avenue
- Quadra Elementary School - 3031 Quadra Street
- Sir James Douglas Elementary School - 401 Moss Street
- SJ Burnside Education Centre - 498 Cecelia Road
- Victoria West Elementary School - 750 Front Street

Victoria Votes App

The free *Victoria Votes* app puts all the important election information in the palm of your hand. The app includes candidate profiles and photos, information on advance voting opportunities, General Voting Day locations, what you need to know about registering to vote and how to check to see if you're on the Voters List. You will also get automatic reminders for General Voting Day.

The Victoria Votes app will be available soon for download at the App Store and Google Play.

Victoria Votes 2022 Video

Watch this helpful video about the many ways to vote in the City of Victoria's 2022 Local Government Election, available on the City's website.

For complete election information, visit: victoria.ca/election.

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