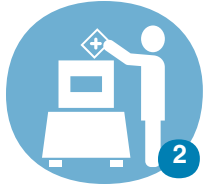


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### Where Can I Vote?

You have many options



### There's an App for That!

Victoria Votes iPhone app

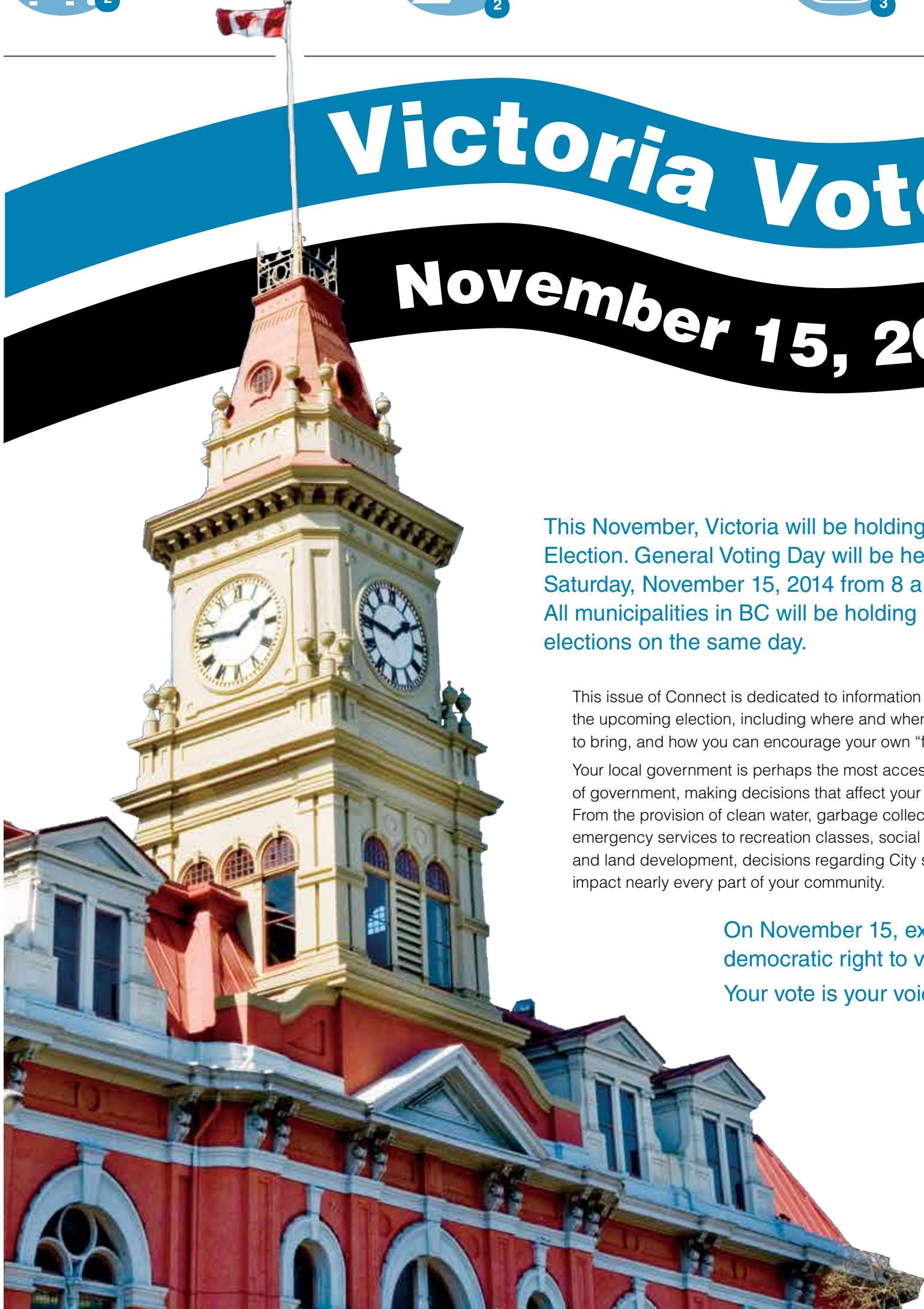


### Candidate Profile Guide

Mayor and Councillor candidate profiles

# Victoria Votes

# November 15, 2014



This November, Victoria will be holding a Municipal Election. General Voting Day will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. All municipalities in BC will be holding municipal elections on the same day.

This issue of Connect is dedicated to information you need about the upcoming election, including where and when to vote, what to bring, and how you can encourage your own "future voters".

Your local government is perhaps the most accessible level of government, making decisions that affect your everyday life. From the provision of clean water, garbage collection, and emergency services to recreation classes, social planning and land development, decisions regarding City services impact nearly every part of your community.

On November 15, exercise your democratic right to vote.

Your vote is your voice, so speak up!

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## Where Can I Vote?

Eligible voters can vote at any of the following locations on General Voting Day, November 15:

- 1 Victoria West School, 750 Front Street
- 2 Burnside Campus, 3130 Jutland Road
- 3 Quadra School, 3031 Quadra Street
- 4 Oaklands School, 2827 Belmont Avenue
- 5 Central Baptist Church, 834 Pandora Avenue
- 6 Victoria High School, 1260 Grant Street
- 7 St. Barnabas Church, 1525 Begbie Street
- 8 James Bay Community School, 140 Oswego Street
- 9 James Bay New Horizons Centre, 234 Menzies Street
- 10 Cook Street Village Activity Centre, 380 Cook Street
- 11 Sir James Douglas School, 401 Moss Street
- 12 Margaret Jenkins School, 1824 Fairfield Road



## Remember Your Voter Card

Voter Cards will be mailed to registered voters at the end of October. Make sure you hang on to your Voter Card, and bring it with you to vote as it will speed up the voting process. The voter card does not replace the requirement to provide identification.



## Election Quick Facts:

**General Voting Day is on Saturday, November 15 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

- The Province of BC has recently passed legislation that changes the length of the term elected officials serve from three years to four, beginning in 2014.
- Voters in Victoria will vote to elect:
  - 1 Mayor
  - 8 Councillors
  - 9 School Trustees (School District 61)
- Voters in Victoria will also have the opportunity to answer non-binding questions:
  - Nominate three Council candidates from the City of Victoria to the Capital Regional District Board
  - A question regarding municipal amalgamation, worded as follows:  
*Are you in favour of reducing the number of municipalities in Greater Victoria through amalgamation?*
- If you own property in Victoria but live elsewhere in BC, you **might** be eligible to vote in the City of Victoria general election as a non-resident property elector. Check the website for more details.



## There's an App for that!

Looking for more information on the election when you are on the go? There's an app for that! For information including where to vote, important dates, candidate names, election buzz and more, make sure to download the free Victoria Votes app for iPhone available in the iTunes store.



## City of Victoria Voting Places

# General Voting Day November 15, 2014

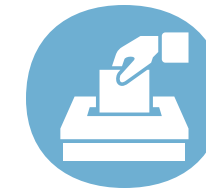


## Candidate Profile Guide

To assist voters in finding information about Victoria's candidates and to make informed

choices in the 2014 Municipal Election, the City has for the first time produced an online Candidate Profile Guide.

All candidates for Mayor and Councillor positions were given the option to submit a brief Candidate Profile and photograph to let voters know about themselves and their platforms. You can find the Candidate Profile Guide at [victoria.ca/election](http://victoria.ca/election).



## Making Voting Accessible

In addition to advance voting opportunities at City Hall, the City is adding two new advance polling opportunities this year to help make voting more accessible for all citizens.

The first opportunity will be held at the University of Victoria in conjunction with the Districts of Saanich and Oak Bay. This is the first time that all three municipalities have set up an advance poll at UVic, which is aimed at making voting easier for students who might not otherwise know where or when to vote.

A second opportunity will be held at Our Place Society. Our Place clients are some of the more vulnerable in our community, and this voting opportunity will allow them to vote in a place that is familiar, and will provide more time for staff to assist clients with voting and ID requirements.

In addition to these two opportunities, the City also provides mail ballots for those who can't make it to a voting place, and curbside voting for those who can drive to a voting place but have mobility challenges coming into a facility.

If you are unable to mark your own ballot, you may ask an election official, friend or relative to help you. If you need a translator, you may bring someone to assist you.

For more information on how the City can assist you in voting this election, please visit [victoria.ca/election](http://victoria.ca/election).

## Bring Your Future Voters



Do you have a future voter in your life? Bring them with you when you vote this year! Bringing your children with you when you vote provides a great opportunity to talk about – and model – the importance of voting.

Everyone under the age of 18 that brings their parents to vote on General Voting Day or any of the voting opportunities will receive a "Future Voter!" sticker to wear proudly, much like their parents will receive an "I Voted!" sticker.

All children under the age of 12 will also receive a colouring poster depicting various city scenes and services. A selection of posters returned to City Hall before December 1 will be on display at City Hall during Christmas Carolling Week and throughout December. One lucky contest participant will be selected to sit as "Mayor for a Day" in January, and learn more about how local government works.

Make sure you bring your future voters this November, and turn them into life-long voters.



# What do I need to bring with me to vote?

Voter Cards will be mailed to registered voters at the end of October. Make sure you hang on to your Voter Card, and bring it with you to vote as it will speed up the voting process. **The voter card does not replace the requirement to provide identification.**

If you are registering to vote at the Voting Place, the following are valid documents for proving voter identity. At least one document presented to prove identity must include the applicant's signature. Please be prepared to present two of the documents noted below. Election officials may also accept other documents proving identification and residency.



- BC Driver's Licence
- BC Identification Card
- Student card
- Photo BC services card
- Non-photo BC services card
- Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC
- BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard
- Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8
- Social Insurance Card
- Citizenship Card
- Property tax notice
- Credit card or debit card or statement
- Utility bill

For more information on providing acceptable identification visit the website at [victoria.ca/election](http://victoria.ca/election) or call Legislative Services at 250.361.0571.



Advance voting at City Hall will be held November 5 and 10, 2014



## Who can vote?

In order to be eligible to vote as a resident elector on Voting Day all of the following must apply:

- age 18 or older
- Canadian citizen
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration
- resident of the City of Victoria for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.



## Advance Voting Opportunities

Advance voting opportunities are open to all voters. Two required advance voting opportunities will be held at Victoria City Hall, 1 Centennial Square:

- Wednesday, November 5, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Monday, November 10, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Two additional advance voting opportunities will also be held:

- Thursday, November 6, 2014, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the University of Victoria, Student Union Building (Michele Pujol Room)
- Wednesday, November 12, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Our Place Society, 919 Pandora Avenue.



## Voting by Mail

You can request a mail ballot if you are unable to vote in person on account of:

- A physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity
- Absence from the municipality on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities

Eligible voters must apply to receive a mail ballot in advance of voting. The deadline to make application for mail ballot voting is **4 p.m. on November 13, 2014**. All mail ballots must be returned to the Chief Election Officer at Victoria City Hall no later than **8 p.m. on November 15, 2014** to be counted.

## Counting the Ballots

City of Victoria voters mark a paper ballot that is processed through an electronic vote tabulator that counts the votes cast for each candidate in each race. Election results are generated by the electronic vote tabulators and the paper ballots are retained in the event that a recount is required.



## For More Information:

For more information on the 2014 Municipal Election visit [victoria.ca/election](http://victoria.ca/election) or call Legislative Services at 250.361.0571

For information about the School District 61 trustee election, please contact the School District office at 250.475.3212

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