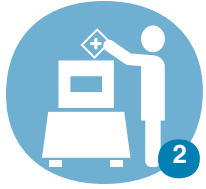


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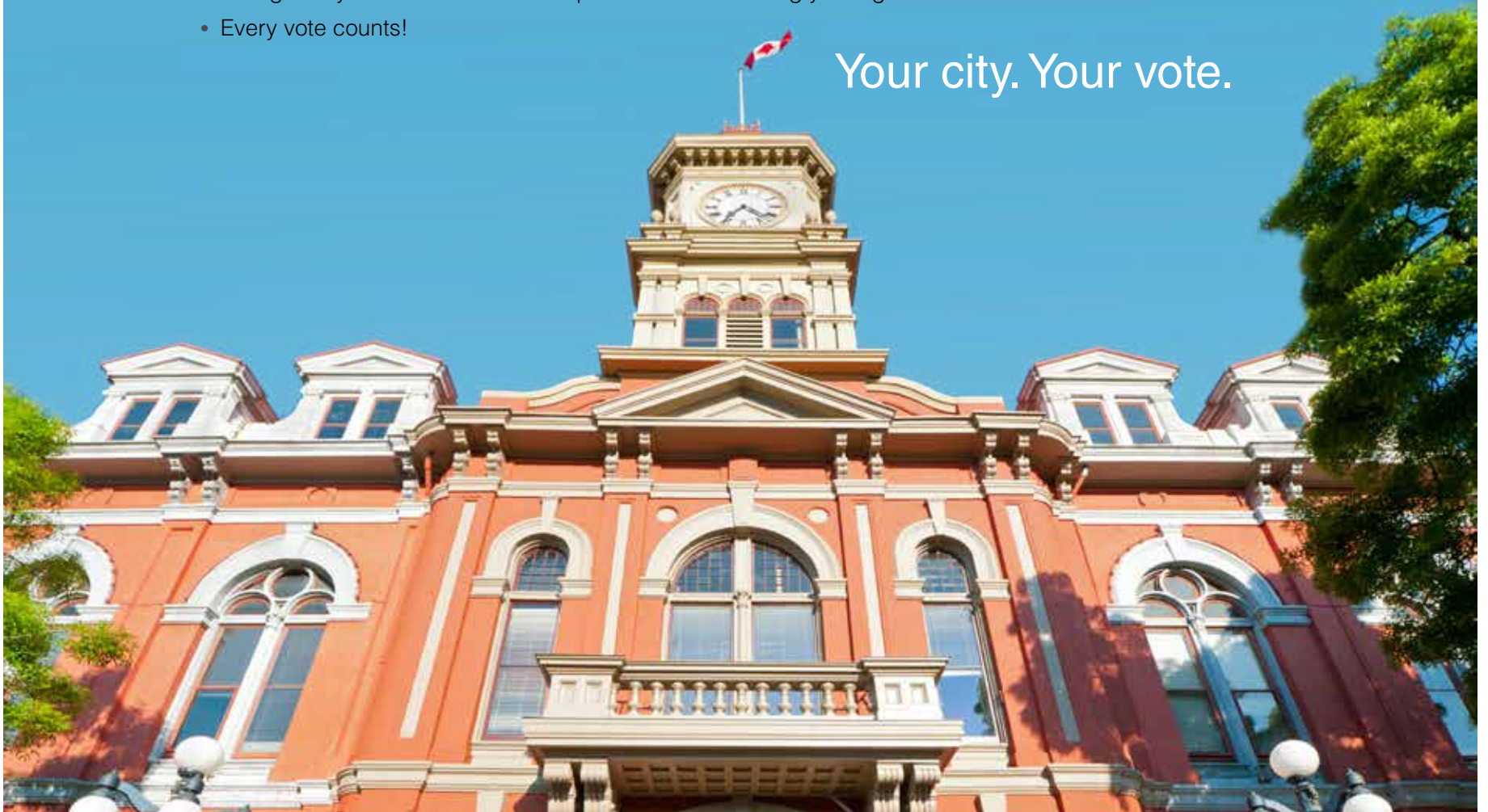
## OCTOBER 20, 2018

This month, Victoria will be holding a Municipal Election. General Voting Day is on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. All municipalities in BC will be holding municipal elections on the same day.

#### Why voting matters:

- Voting at all levels is a way to influence the direction of your city, your community, your country.
- Voting keeps you connected to what's happening in your community and with your local government.
- Decisions made at a local government level affect your everyday life.
- Voting is both a privilege and a democratic right.
- Voting with your kids models the importance of exercising your right to vote.
- Every vote counts!

Your city. Your vote.



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## Where Can I Vote?

Eligible voters can vote at any of the following locations on General Voting Day, Saturday, October 20:

- 1 Victoria West School, 750 Front Street
- 2 Burnside Gorge Community Centre, 471 Cecelia Road
- 3 Quadra School, 3031 Quadra Street
- 4 Oaklands School, 2827 Belmont Avenue
- 5 Central Baptist Church, 833 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



## Election Quick Facts

General Voting Day is on **Saturday, October 20** from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Every municipality in BC will hold a municipal election on the same day.
- Elected officials serve a four-year term.
- 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:
  - Nominate three Council candidates from the City of Victoria to the Capital Regional District Board
  - Answer a question regarding a Citizens' Assembly on amalgamation, worded as follows:  
*Are you in favour of spending up to \$250,000 for establishing a Citizens' Assembly to explore the costs, benefits, and disadvantages of the amalgamation between the District of Saanich and the City of Victoria?*



## There's an App for that!

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## 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. The final results will be available on the City's website after the polls close on General Voting Day.



## City of Victoria Voting Places

## Who can vote?

To be eligible to vote as a **resident elector** on General Voting Day all of the following must apply:

- age 18 or older
- Canadian citizen
- resident of British Columbia for at least six 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
- If you own property in Victoria but live elsewhere in BC, you might be eligible to vote in the City of Victoria municipal election as a non-resident property elector. Check [victoria.ca/election](http://victoria.ca/election) for more details.



## Advance Voting Opportunities

Advance voting opportunities are open to all voters:

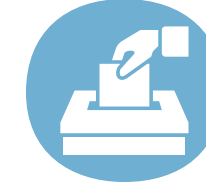
- Wednesday, October 10 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Victoria City Hall
- Wednesday, October 10 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Camosun College Interurban Campus, Huber Hall
- Friday, October 12 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Our Place, 919 Pandora Avenue
- Monday, October 15 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Victoria City Hall
- Wednesday, October 17 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at University of Victoria, Student Union Building



## Candidate Profile Guide

To assist voters in finding information about Victoria's candidates and to make informed choices in the 2018 Municipal Election, the City provides 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 Easier

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

Advance voting opportunities will be held at the University of Victoria and Camosun College, aimed at first time voters. Another opportunity will be held at Our Place Society. Our Place clients are some of the more vulnerable in our community. This voting opportunity will allow them to vote in a place that is familiar, and will have staff to assist clients with voting and ID requirements.

The City also provides mail ballots for those who can not 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 in this election, please visit [victoria.ca/election](http://victoria.ca/election).



## Voting by Mail

The deadline to apply for a mail ballot in advance of voting has passed. If you wish to pick one up for someone house-bound, the deadline is October 20, 2018. All mail ballots must be returned to the Chief Election Officer at Victoria City Hall no later than 8 p.m. on October 20, 2018 to be counted.

The mail ballot option is available for those who are unable to vote in person on account of:

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

## 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 when you vote provides a great opportunity to talk about – and model – the importance of voting.

Everyone under the age of 18 who brings their parents to vote on General Voting Day or at advance polls 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 throughout December. Three lucky contest participants will be selected at random to sit as "Mayor for a Day" in early 2019, and learn more about how local government works.

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

## Remember Your Voter Card

Voter Cards will be mailed to registered voters at the end of September. 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.**



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

The following are valid identity documents for proving voter identity. At least one document presented to prove identity must include your signature. If you are registering to vote at a Voting Place, you will be required to present two pieces. Please be prepared to present two of the identity documents noted below:

- BC Driver's Licence\*
- BC Identification Card\*
- Photo BC Services Card\*
- Certificate of Indian Status as issued by the Government of Canada\*
- Non-photo BC Services Card
- Student card issued by a post-secondary institution
- 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
- Canadian Citizenship Card
- City of Victoria Property Tax Notice
- Statement of Employment Insurance Benefits
- BC Government cheque
- Income Tax Assessment Notice
- Canadian Forces Identification
- Old Age Security Identification Card
- Canadian Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Credit card or debit card or statement
- Utility bill
- Library card issued by the Greater Victoria Public Library



\*if you are already registered to vote and presenting one of these preferred documents, only one piece of ID will be required.

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

# It's time for you, Victoria electors, to decide...

The District of Saanich and the City of Victoria Councils will be asking electors if they wish to establish a Citizens' Assembly to explore the costs, benefits and disadvantages of amalgamation of the two municipalities. This non-binding community opinion question will be asked at the upcoming General Local Election being held on October 20, 2018.

### This is not a referendum on Amalgamation.

The question at hand is not whether the municipalities of Victoria and Saanich should amalgamate, but rather whether the prospect of amalgamation should be systematically examined through a Citizens' Assembly. If the Citizens' Assembly recommends in favour of amalgamation there would be a binding referendum question put to the citizens of Saanich and Victoria and the citizens would decide.

### What is a Citizens' Assembly?

A Citizens' Assembly is a body of citizens formed to deliberate on an issue or issues of broad political importance. The membership of a Citizens' Assembly is randomly selected. The purpose is to employ a cross-section of the public to study a question and to propose answers through rational and reasoned discussion and the use of various methods of inquiry. The use of Citizens' Assemblies aims to reinstall trust in the political process by engaging citizens to take a more direct role in deliberative democracy.

### What will the Citizens' Assembly do?

The Citizens' Assembly will be tasked by the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich to learn about the needs and interests of local residents and businesses, examine the costs, benefits and disadvantages of creating a new amalgamated municipal structure, and – should they determine to recommend in favour of amalgamation – advise local councillors and their administrations on the conditions under which the municipalities should proceed.

Specifically, the Citizens' Assembly on Amalgamation will develop:

- A set of values which describe their aspirations for good local governance;
- A list of issues which they believe need to be satisfactorily resolved for municipal amalgamation to merit consideration; and
- Should they recommend to proceed with amalgamation, a detailed recommendation concerning municipal amalgamation, including any conditions which would need to be satisfied if a merger were to proceed.

### How will the Citizens' Assembly Members be selected?

Should the electors vote in favour of proceeding with a Citizens' Assembly to explore the amalgamation of the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich, an independent body would be engaged by Saanich and Victoria to run the Citizens' Assembly process. The Citizens' Assembly would consist of a randomly selected group of Saanich and Victoria residents that broadly reflect the local community.

For example, in the Duncan-North Cowichan Citizens' Assembly, 10,000 households throughout the Cowichan Valley were randomly selected to receive an invitation to volunteer for the Assembly. Thirty-six candidates were randomly selected from the pool of respondents in such a way as to broadly match the make-up of local residents.

### What is the cost of the Citizens' Assembly?

Early costs are being forecasted at approximately \$750,000 in total for a Citizens' Assembly. The City of Victoria, the District of Saanich, and the Province of British Columbia would each contribute a third of the costs up to \$250,000. No money will be spent on the establishment of a Citizens' Assembly until City Council has heard from the voters.

The question on the ballot of the upcoming General Local Election will give Council an indication of the community's interest in pursuing the establishment of a Citizens' Assembly to explore the question of the Amalgamation of the City of Victoria and District of Saanich. This is an important opportunity to provide your opinion on the path the City of Victoria should take.

## Ballot question approved by Council:

“Are you in favour of spending up to \$250,000 for establishing a Citizens' Assembly to explore the costs, benefits and disadvantages of the amalgamation between the District of Saanich and the City of Victoria?”

## For More Information:

For more information on the 2018 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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