

BY-ELECTION 2020

Victoria Votes

December 12, 2020

Find out what you need to know to vote in the City of Victoria's Municipal By-Election to elect one Councillor.

Where Can I Vote?

Eligible voters can vote at ANY of the following locations on General Voting Day, Saturday, December 12, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

- 1 James Bay Community School**
140 Oswego Street
- 2 Oaklands Elementary School**
2827 Belmont Avenue
- 3 Sir James Douglas Elementary School**
401 Moss Street
- 4 Da Vinci Centre**
195 Bay Street
- 5 Crystal Garden**
713 Douglas Street
An accessible voting machine will be available at Crystal Garden on General Voting Day.
- 6 Victoria High School**
at SJ Willis Education Centre
923 Topaz Avenue

Quick Facts

- **General Voting Day is Saturday, December 12 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.**
- There will be **six voting places** on **General Voting Day**.
- To reduce wait times, each voting place will have **two voting machines**.
- There are **eight advance voting opportunities** at Crystal Garden.
- **Curbside voting** will be available on General Voting Day and at advance voting opportunities for those with accessibility concerns.
- Due to COVID-19, **anyone can apply to vote by mail**.

Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote as a resident elector, you must be:

- aged 18 or older on General Voting Day
- a Canadian citizen
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six months before the day of voting
- a resident of the City of Victoria for at least 30 days before the day of voting
- not disqualified by law from voting in an election
- If you own property in Victoria but live elsewhere in BC, you might be eligible to vote in the City of Victoria municipal by-election as a non-resident property elector. Check victoria.ca/election for details.

Advance Voting Opportunities

Eight advance voting opportunities will be held at the **Crystal Garden at 713 Douglas Street** and will be open to **all voters**. An accessible voting machine will be available.

- Tuesday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 2, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, December 7, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Crystal Garden Parking

The first hour of parking will be free for Victoria voters at the parking lot located under the Victoria Conference Centre. Voters must bring their parking ticket to the Crystal Garden for validation when voting on advance voting days and General Voting Day. Two free, 30-minute on-street parking spaces will be available for voters in front of Crystal Garden. The first hour of parking is also free at Broughton Street Parkade, located under the Greater Victoria Public Library.

Voting by Mail

Due to COVID-19, ANYONE can apply to vote by mail in the City of Victoria's 2020 By-Election. All mail ballots must be received by the City of Victoria before 8 p.m. (Pacific Time) on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

- To request a mail ballot package, visit victoria.ca/election to fill out an online form or call **250.361.0571**.
- You may apply for a mail ballot package up to and including General Voting Day.
- Completed mail ballots should be placed in the mail by **Friday, December 4 at the latest**.
- **NOTE:** After December 4, all requested mail ballots are to be picked up at City Hall and can be returned at the Drop Box at the Pandora Avenue entrance of City Hall, at an advance voting opportunity at Crystal Garden, or before 8 p.m. at one of the six voting places on General Voting Day.
- Postage is included for mail ballot packages mailed within Canada.
- If you have requested a mail ballot but have not received one by General Voting Day, please contact City of Victoria Legislative Services at **250.361.0571**.

Accessible Voting

- An accessible voting machine will be available at each advance voting opportunity and on General Voting Day at the Crystal Garden 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. All devices will be sanitized between uses.
- All voting places will be **scent free**.
- Only service animals will be allowed in voting places. Please leave pets at home.

Curbside Voting

- Curbside voting will be available for those who have accessibility challenges and cannot access a voting location.
- For those with accessibility challenges, curbside voting will be available at all voting places on General Voting Day and at all advance voting opportunities at Crystal Garden.
- Accessible parking spaces outside each voting place will be designated for curbside voting. A sign will identify the parking spaces and will include a phone number to call. By-election staff will come out to assist you with voting from your vehicle.

Candidate Profile Guide

To assist voters in finding information about candidates and to make informed choices in Victoria's 2020 Municipal By-Election, the City provides an online Candidate Profile Guide.

All candidates were given the option to submit a brief candidate profile and photograph to let voters know about themselves and their platforms. The Candidate Profile Guide will be available on November 17 at victoria.ca/election.

Tune In

The Victoria 2020 By-Election will be live webcast on Saturday, December 12 starting at 8 p.m. Tune in for live updates at victoria.ca/election.

Safety Measures

The City of Victoria is committed to delivering a safe and physically distanced by-election during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following public health, Elections BC and WorkSafeBC directives, the City's COVID-19 safety plan for each voting place will make sure the by-election is safe for voters, candidates and election workers.

- All voting places will have protective measures in place, including physical distancing, capacity limits, hand sanitizing stations, plexiglass protective barriers, election officials wearing personal protective equipment, and frequent cleaning of voting stations and frequently touched surfaces.
- Pens will be provided for voting and will be sanitized in between use. You may choose to use your own pen.
- You will personally feed your marked ballot into an electronic voting machine.
- Please do your part to vote safely. Follow election officials' instructions and signage in the voting place to maintain physical distancing.
- You will be asked to sanitize your hands before and after voting.
- You are asked to wear a face mask to vote.
- If you are ill or self-isolating, do not visit a voting place. Request a mail ballot package by visiting victoria.ca/election or call **250.361.0571**.

What to Bring to Vote?

If you're on the Voters List, you only need to bring one piece of ID with you to vote, but it must include your signature.

Visit victoria.ca/election to see if you're on the Voters List.

If you aren't on the Voters List, you can register to vote at a Voting Place and need to bring **two** pieces of ID to prove your identity and place of residence (one piece must include your signature).

Below is a list of the accepted documents.

- 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

For More Information

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