



2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION OFFICIAL NOTICE

Advance Elector Registration

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, an election will be held for the offices of Mayor and Councillor in the City of Victoria, and School Trustee for School District 61. In preparation for the civic election, the public is hereby given notice of the opportunity for advance elector registration in the City of Victoria.

Are you eligible to vote in the 2018 Victoria Civic Election in October? Is your name on the current Provincial Voters List?

The City of Victoria is using the Provincial Voters List for the 2018 Civic Election on October 20, 2018, so if you are on the Provincial Voters List you are not required to register again. If you are not sure if you are on the Provincial Voters List, you can find out by visiting Legislative Services at Victoria City Hall, 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) or by calling 250-361-0571. You can also check online to see if you are registered to vote at www.victoria.ca/voter_list

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

At the time of registration, the resident elector must:

- be at least 18 years of age on General Voting Day; and
- be a Canadian citizen; and
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before that day; and
- be a resident in the City of Victoria for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not be disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

Resident electors must provide at least two documents to prove their identity, one of which must have the elector's signature, and the other to show the elector's address. Resident electors unable to prove their place of residence from the identification provided must provide two documents that show the applicant's identity, at least one of which must contain the applicant's signature, and make a solemn declaration as to their place of residence.

If you qualify as a resident elector, but are not on the Provincial Voters List, then you must register as an elector prior to voting either:

- in advance, at City Hall, 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC, during regular office hours, which are Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., up to and including August 28, 2018; or
- when you vote, either at Advance Voting or on General Voting Day at the voting place.

Please note that advance registration closes at 4:30 p.m. on August 28, 2018, so if you do not register as a resident elector by August 28, 2018, you must register at a voting place prior to voting. The advance registration period for the next election reopens on October 22, 2018.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

Do you own property within the City of Victoria and reside outside of the City of Victoria? You may be eligible to vote in the 2018 Civic Election if you meet certain qualifying criteria. Please note that the elections provisions of the *Local Government Act* state that no corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.

Non-resident property electors must meet the following qualifications:

- age 18 or older on General Voting Day; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the City of Victoria for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
- if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

In order to register as a non-resident property elector, you must provide proof of your identity (two pieces of personal identification, one of which must have your signature) and of your eligibility to register (e.g., a property title certificate or current City of Victoria property tax certificate, and, if applicable, a letter of consent from joint owners).

Non-resident property electors who do not register by August 28, 2018 may still register to vote at Advance Voting or on General Voting Day. Non-resident property electors will be required to present documents sufficient to satisfy the Chief Election Officer or his designate that the requirements above have been met.

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning September 4, 2018, until the close of general voting on October 20, 2018, the List of Registered Electors will be available for public inspection at Legislative Services, Victoria City Hall, 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, B.C., during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays). An elector may request that personal information about them be omitted from or obscured on the List of Electors.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the List of Registered Electors may be made in writing in accordance with Section 79 of the *Local Government Act*, until 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2018. An objection:

- must be made in writing;
- may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the City of Victoria;
- can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the City of Victoria; and
- include the name and address of the person making the objection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, please contact:

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