



2020 MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION Advance Elector Registration

On Saturday, December 12, 2020, a by-election will be held to fill one (1) vacancy for the office of Councillor in the City of Victoria. In preparation for the 2020 Municipal By-election, the public is hereby given notice of the opportunity for advance elector registration in the City of Victoria.

Advance elector registrations will be accepted 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). Advance registration closes at 4:30 p.m. on October 20, 2020. If you have not registered by the deadline, you must register at a voting place prior to voting or in your mail ballot package. The advance registration period for the next election reopens on December 14, 2020.

Are you eligible to vote in the 2020 Municipal By-election in December? Is your name on the current Provincial Voters List?

The City of Victoria is using the Provincial Voters List for the 2020 Municipal By-election on December 12, 2020, 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, call Legislative Services at 250.361.0571.

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 (December 12, 2020); and
- be a Canadian citizen; and
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day of registration; 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 may register 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., until 4:30 p.m. on October 20, 2020 (excluding statutory holidays);
- when you vote at Advance Voting, on General Voting Day at the voting place; or
- when you vote by mail ballot, and an elector registration form will be included in the package.

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 2020 Municipal By-election if you meet the qualifying criteria.

Non-resident property electors must meet the following qualifications:

- age 18 or older on General Voting Day (December 12, 2020); 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
- the only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust; 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,
- proof 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 October 20, 2020 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.

Under the Local Government Act, 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.

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning October 27, 2020, until the close of general voting on December 12, 2020, 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). Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect the list or use the information included in the list except for the purposes of Part 3 – Electors and Elections of the *Local Government Act*. 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 appearing 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 November 6, 2020. 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
- must include the name and address of the person making the objection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, please contact:

Chris Coates, Chief Election Officer
Christine Havelka, Deputy Chief Election Officer
Monika Fedyczkowska, Deputy Chief Election Officer
Sonia Santarossa, Deputy Chief Election Officer
at **250.361.0571**