



SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

CITY OF VICTORIA | Newsletter

Connect

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and the Xwsepsum Nation.

Victoria Election 2026

VOTE

Saturday, October 17

What You Need to Know to Vote

This special edition of Connect outlines what you need to know to vote in the City of Victoria's 2026 Local Government Election for the following four-year term positions:

1 Mayor | 8 Councillors | 3 CRD Directors

2 School District 61 Trustees (Victoria Electoral Area)

The ballot will also include a non-binding question:

Do you support Saanich and Victoria becoming one municipality?

Read the Victoria Saanich Citizens' Assembly report on amalgamation at victoriasaanich.ca.

Quick Facts

- General Voting Day is Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Eligible voters can vote at ANY of the 12 voting locations on General Voting Day.
- There will be five advance voting opportunities.
- All voting locations are wheelchair accessible with a priority line for those who need it.
- Mail ballot requests must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9.

Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, you must be:

- a Canadian citizen; and
- 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day; and
- a Victoria resident who has lived in B.C. for at least six months; and
- not disqualified by law from voting.

Note:

If you own property in Victoria but live elsewhere in B.C., you might be eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector. For more information, visit victoria.ca/election.



Where Can I Vote?

Eligible voters can vote at **ANY** of the following locations on General Voting Day on **Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.:**

- 1 Central Middle School**
1280 Fort St.

2 Crystal Garden
713 Douglas St.*

3 George Jay Elementary School
1118 Princess Ave.

4 Glenlyon Norfolk Senior School
781 Richmond Ave.

5 James Bay Community School
140 Oswego St.

6 Oaklands Elementary School
2827 Belmont Ave.
- 7 Quadra Elementary School**
3031 Quadra St.

8 Quadra Village Neighbourhood Gym
950 Kings Rd.

9 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 292
411 Gorge Rd. East

10 Sir James Douglas Elementary School
401 Moss St.

11 Victoria High School
1260 Grant St.

12 Victoria West Elementary School
750 Front St.

*An accessible voting machine will be available.

Advance Voting Opportunities

There will be five advance voting opportunities. All will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., except for the University of Victoria location which will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An accessible voting machine will be available at the Victoria Conference Centre and Crystal Garden.

- A Oct. 7:** Victoria Conference Centre, Upper Pavilion, second floor, 720 Douglas St.

B Oct. 13: Crystal Garden, 713 Douglas St.

B Oct. 14: Crystal Garden, 713 Douglas St.

C Oct. 14: University of Victoria, Student Union Building, Michèle Pujol Room, 3800 Finnerty Rd. (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

B Oct. 15: Crystal Garden, 713 Douglas St.

Voting by Mail

ANYONE eligible to vote can request to vote by mail in the City of Victoria’s 2026 Local Government Election.

- To request a mail ballot package, visit **victoria.ca/election** to fill out an online form or call **250.361.0571**.
- You may request a mail ballot package by **4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9, 2026**.
- Completed mail ballots can be returned by mail, to the drop box at the Pandora Avenue entrance of City Hall, during an advance voting opportunity or by 8 p.m. at a voting place 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.
- Your mail ballot must be received by the City of Victoria by 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, to be counted.

Accessible Voting

For voters with accessibility needs, we have services available to help you vote.

- A priority line for those who need it at all voting opportunities.
- All voting locations are wheelchair accessible.
- Voters who can't enter a voting place, including parents and caregivers, can vote at the curb or in the parking lot.
- An accessible voting machine will be available at:
 - Advance voting opportunities: Victoria Conference Centre, Upper Pavilion (Oct. 7) and Crystal Garden (Oct. 13, 14 and 15)
 - General Voting Day on Oct. 17 at Crystal Garden
- Assistance is available to voters unable to mark a ballot because of a physical disability or difficulty with reading or writing. Voters needing assistance to mark their ballot may bring another person, who will be required to sign a declaration, or ask an election official for assistance.

Special Voting

The City reaches out to eligible residential care facilities to offer special voting opportunities.

Translated Materials

The information in this newsletter is also available in multiple languages at victoria.ca/election.

Candidate Profile Guide

To assist voters in finding information about candidates and to make informed choices in Victoria's 2026 Election, the City provides an online Candidate Profile Guide at victoria.ca/election.

All candidates were given the opportunity to submit a brief candidate profile and photograph to let voters know about themselves and their platforms. The guide will be available at the end of September.

Election Results

Join us for live election results on Saturday, Oct. 17 after 8 p.m. at victoria.ca/election.

Learn More

Visit victoria.ca/election for a helpful video on what you need to know to vote, parking maps for each voting location and more.

ID to Bring to Vote

Visit victoria.ca/election to see if you're on the voters list.

If you're on the voters list,
you need to show one piece of ID to vote.

If you aren't on the voters list,
you can register to vote at a voting place and need to show two pieces of ID to prove your identity and place of residence. One piece of ID must include your signature.

The following are valid documents for proving voter identity:

- BC Driver's Licence*
- Photo BC Services Card*
- Non-photo BC Services Card*
- BC Identification Card
- Certificate of Indian Status issued by the Government of Canada
- 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
- Social Insurance Card
- Confirmation of Social Insurance Number letter issued by the Government of Canada
- 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 issued for the supply of electricity, natural gas, water, telephone services or coaxial cable services
- A completed and signed Solemn Declaration that is witnessed and signed by a Commissioner of Affidavits in Form 12-16

*The dual BC Driver's Licence and Services Card is one piece of ID.

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