

NEWS RELEASE

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Voting in referendum ends 8:00 pm Saturday, March 11

Preliminary results to be made available as soon as possible

Summary

Nanaimo residents are reminded that voting ends at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, with preliminary election results being made available as soon as possible after that. Results can be viewed on the City of Nanaimo website.

Advance Voting Turn Out:

The March 1 and 8 Advance Voting Opportunities brought out over 4,000 voters. Compared to the 2014 General Election and years previous, this was a record number of advanced voters:

- 2008 General Election: 1390 voters
- 2011 General Election: 1663 voters
- 2014 General Election: 2262 voters

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- Preliminary voting results will be available after 8:00 pm on Saturday, March 11 on the City website.
- The March 1 and 8 Advance Voting Opportunities brought out a record number of voters.
- Official results will be declared no later than March 15 at 4:00 pm.

Quotes

"By using voting tabulator machines, combined with software developed by the City of Nanaimo, the referendum results are normally available within the hour after the closing of the polls. What used to take hours can now be completed in minutes. If all goes well, results should be posted prior to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night."

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Quick Facts

- To vote you must be 18 or older, a Canadian Citizen, a resident of BC for at least six months and a resident of Nanaimo for at least 30 days prior to the voting day. Please note: eligibility to vote is NOT dependent on owning property.

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