

## NEWS RELEASE

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### By-election voting day officially declared

#### Summary

The 2017 by-election for the vacant seat on Nanaimo City Council has officially been called by the Chief Election Officer with General Voting Day set as July 8.

Voting will take place between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at nine locations across Nanaimo and from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Protection Island. Advanced voting opportunities are available to qualified electors on Wednesday, June 28 and Wednesday, July 6 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Mail-in ballot voting is also available to those who qualify and can be arranged through the Legislative Services department by visiting 455 Wallace Street or downloading and printing the application form from the 2017 By-election page on the City website, or it can be sent via email.

For more information on the 2017 by-election, voting and voter registration, visit [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/elections](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/elections) or email [vote@nanaimo.ca](mailto:vote@nanaimo.ca).

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#### Key Points

- In total, 13 candidates have put their name forward for the seat of Councillor for the remainder of a four year term ending in October 2018.
- A list of locations to vote on general election day and during advanced voting is available on the City website.
- Electors can use the Voter Search tool on the City website to see if they are on the Voter's list. If not, eligible voters can register the day of voting.

#### Quotes

"Voters have a number of options available to them for the upcoming by-election including advanced and mail-in voting. For those seeking additional information and documents needed to register to vote, please see the City website or email us at [vote@nanaimo.ca](mailto:vote@nanaimo.ca)."

Sheila Gurrie  
Chief Election Officer  
City of Nanaimo

#### 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.
- To register to vote, resident voters will need two pieces of ID, at least one with a signature. Picture ID is not necessary, but at least one of the pieces must prove both residency and identity. Some examples of

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identification include a utility bill with your name and address on it, Social Insurance card, Care Card, credit card and Drivers License.

- Non-registered property owners must bring two pieces of ID, at least one with a signature, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property they own, and if there is more than one owner of the property, they must have written consent from the majority of the property owners.

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