

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Local Government Elections – Voting Opportunities

*City announces locations where residents can vote during the 2014 local election*

#### Summary

The locations of Voting Places for this year's election are in the final planning stages. In addition to the 11 places distributed throughout the City on voting day, there are opportunities to vote by mail or on two different advance voting days.

Mail In Ballot Voting is available for those expecting to be absent or who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote in person. Applications are available through the City's Legislative Services Department.

Residents wishing to participate in advance voting can do so November 5th and 12th at Bowen Park Auditorium, 500 Bowen Road.

The following voting places will be open on General Election Day, November 15 from 8am to 8pm.

- Chase River Elementary School, 1503 Cranberry Avenue
- Departure Bay Activity Centre, 1415 Wingrove Street
- City of Nanaimo Service & Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street
- Frank J. Ney Elementary School, 5301 Williamson Road
- Georgia Avenue Community School, 625 Georgia Avenue
- McGirr Elementary School, 6199 McGirr Road
- Nanaimo Alliance Church, 1609 Meredith Road
- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street
- Oliver Woods Community Centre, 6000 Oliver Road
- Wellington Community Hall, 3922 Corrunga Avenue
- Protection Island, Protection Island Fire Hall (10am to 6pm)

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#### Key Points

- Quarterway Elementary School has been removed from the voting place list and replaced with the Nanaimo Alliance Church. Located 1km from Quarterway Elementary School, the Nanaimo Alliance Church has better parking, pedestrian and handicap access and has additional capacity for election requirements.
- The Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, as well as fifteen long-term care facilities, have been offered opportunities for mail in ballot voting.
- In keeping with past elections, Protection Island will continue to have an on-island voting place.

#### Quotes

"The 2014 general municipal election is nearing and City staff are preparing the locations that will welcome voters on November 15. A total of 11 voting places are available, including one on Protection Island."

Chris Jackson  
Legislative Services Manager and Chief Election Officer  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- On election day, signage will be posted at Quarterway Elementary School to assist voters with finding the new voting place at Nanaimo Alliance Church.
- On election day, voters can choose from any of the voting places listed on the City's website. The choice is yours.

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