

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Voting by mail available for eligible electors

#### Summary

Eligible voters who wish to vote in the 2018 Municipal Election but are not able to make it in person to voting locations will have the opportunity to mail in their ballots. Voting by mail is permitted for qualified electors if they have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote or expect to be absent from the City of Nanaimo on General Voting Day on Saturday, October 20, 2018 and during the Advance Voting Opportunities on Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday October 17, 2018.

Applications to vote by mail can be obtained either in person from the Legislative Services Department at 455 Wallace Street, by email at [elections@nanaimo.ca](mailto:elections@nanaimo.ca) or by downloading the Application to Vote By Mail form from the City's website. Mail ballot packages will be mailed by the Legislative Services Department after September 26, 2018 to those qualified electors who submitted forms.

For a mail in ballot to be counted for the election, they must be submitted either by mail to the Legislative Services Department to arrive before 4:30 pm on Friday, October 19, 2018 or hand delivered to the Service and Resource Centre by 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

For more information regarding the election and where to vote, please visit our website at [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/elections](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/elections).

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#### Key Points

- Mail ballot applications are now available for electors who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote or expect to be absent from the City of Nanaimo on General Voting Day (Saturday, October 20, 2018) and at the times of all Advance Voting Opportunities (October 10 and October 17, 2018).
- It is the responsibility of the elector to submit their completed ballot to the Chief Election Officer by 4:30 pm Friday, October 19, 2018 or to the Presiding Election Official at the Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, by 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018.
- Applications for mail-in voting may be submitted: in person, by mail (Legislative Services Department at 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5J6), by fax to 250-755-4435, or scanned and emailed to [elections@nanaimo.ca](mailto:elections@nanaimo.ca).

#### Quotes

"Voting by mail gives those residents who are absent from the City of Nanaimo during general voting day and the advanced polls, or those who can't make it to a polling station, an opportunity to participate."

Sheila Gurrie  
Chief Election Officer and Corporate Officer  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- Completed mail-in ballots must be mailed with sufficient time to arrive by 4:30 pm on Friday, October 19, 2018 to the Chief Election Officer in City Hall, 455 Wallace Street or hand delivered to the Presiding Election Official at

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the City of Nanaimo Service & Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street before the close of voting at 8:00 pm on October 20, 2018 in order to be counted for the election.

- General Voting Day for the 2018 Municipal Election is Saturday, October 20 and two advanced voting opportunities will be held on Wednesday, October 10 and 17.

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