

### **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Voting options available for 2018 General Local Election

October 20 marks General Voting Day

#### **Summary**

With the 2018 General Local Election just under four weeks away, the City is in final planning stages to make voting easier for eligible electors. In addition to 12 places located throughout the city on voting day, there are opportunities to vote by mail or on two different advance voting days.

Residents wishing to participate in advance voting can do so on Wednesday, October 10 and 17 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Bowen Park Auditorium at 500 Bowen Road.

The following voting places will be open on General Election Day, October 20 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

• Bowen Park Auditorium, 500 Bowen Road• Chase River Elementary School, 1503 Cranberry Avenue• Coal Tyee Elementary School, 2280 Sun Valley Drive• Departure Bay Activity Centre, 1415 Wingrove Street• Georgia Avenue Elementary School, 625 Georgia Avenue• McGirr Elementary School, 6199 McGirr Road• Nanaimo Alliance Church, 1609 Meredith Road• Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street• Protection Island Fire Hall (poll open 10:00 am to 6:00 pm), 26 Pirates Lane• Randerson Ridge Elementary School, 6021 Nelson Road• Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street• Wellington Community Hall, 3922 Corunna Avenue

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 on the City website or through the City's Legislative Services Department.

Find more information on the election, how to register and who is running for Council at <a href="https://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/elections">www.nanaimo.ca/goto/elections</a>.

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# **Key Points**

- Voting Day for the 2018 General Local Election is Saturday, October 20. Twelve voting places are located across Nanaimo including one on Protection Island.
- Two Advance Voting opportunities will be held on Wednesday, October 10 and 17 in the Bowen Park Auditorium located at 500 Bowen Road.
- The Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, as well as fifteen long-term care facilities, have been offered opportunities for mail-in ballot voting.

#### Quotes

"Know before you vote, Nanaimo. The 2018 general local election is nearing and City staff are preparing the locations that will welcome voters on October 20. Please make sure to visit the city website so you are prepared to vote."

Sheila Gurrie City Clerk and Chief Election Officer City of Nanaimo

# **Quick Facts**

• 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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