

NEWS RELEASE

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Nanaimo Votes: Information sessions planned for potential candidates

Summary

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, voters in the City of Nanaimo will elect a new Council consisting of one Mayor and eight Councillors. Two candidate information sessions will be held on Tuesday, August 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

The purpose of the sessions is to provide potential candidates with information regarding the role and expectations of Mayor and Council for the City of Nanaimo, including how to become a candidate, what's involved in becoming an elected official and other matters of interest to anyone seeking to be elected to Council.

Sessions will be held online via Zoom and a phone in option will be available for anyone with limited access to the internet. Those interested in becoming candidates must register to attend one of the sessions by emailing elections@nanaimo.ca or calling 250-755-4405.

For more information on the 2022 General Local Election, visit www.nanaimo.ca/elections.

Strategic Link: n/a

Key Points

- Two candidate information sessions will be held on Tuesday, August 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. for those interested in learning about running for council and what to expect if elected. Candidates only need to attend one of the sessions.
- The sessions will be held online via Zoom. A call-in option is available for those with limited access to the internet. Registration is required to attend these sessions.

Quotes

"We encourage anyone interested in running for Council to attend one of the candidate information sessions. They are a great opportunity to learn about the ins and outs of being a candidate and what to expect if elected."

Sheila Gurrie
Chief Election Officer and Director, Legislative Services
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- To become a candidate you must be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day, October 15, 2022; a Canadian Citizen; resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and, not be disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

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