

NEWS RELEASE

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Nanaimo Votes: Advance voting for municipal election begins October 7

Advance voting opportunities available October 7 and 14; voters can also explore locations using an online voting map

Summary

Eligible electors are encouraged to make a plan to vote in the 2026 General Local Election. Advance voting opportunities will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Wednesday, Oct. 14 at the Beban Park Social Centre, located at 2300 Bowen Road, with voting available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both days.

On General Voting Day, Oct. 17, eligible electors can vote at any of these voting locations, open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

- Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Road
- Brechin Elementary School, 510 Millstone Avenue
- Chase River Elementary School, 1503 Cranberry Avenue
- City of Nanaimo Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street
- Dover Bay Secondary School, 6135 McGirr Road
- John Barsby Secondary School, 550 Seventh Street
- Nanaimo District Secondary School, 355 Wakesiah Avenue
- Protection Island Fire Hall, 26 Pirates Lane (10:00 am to 6:00 pm only)
- Randerson Ridge Elementary School, 6021 Nelson Road
- Uplands Park Elementary School, 3821 Stronach Drive
- Wellington Secondary School, 3135 Mexicana Road

To help voters find the most convenient polling place, the City has launched an interactive voting map available [here](#).

For election information, voting requirements, candidate information and the interactive voting map, visit [City of Nanaimo's elections webpage](#).

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- The first advance voting opportunity is Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Road.
- The second advance voting opportunity is Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Road.
- General Voting Day is Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026. Most voting places will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Quotes

"We want voting to be as accessible and convenient as possible for residents. On General Voting Day, eligible electors can vote at any of 11 voting locations across Nanaimo, giving them the flexibility to choose the location that works best for their schedule. Curbside voting is available for electors who cannot enter a voting place. Combined with advance voting opportunities and our online voting map, there are many ways for residents to participate."

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