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Nanaimo Votes: 2026 General Local Election preliminary results now available

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is pleased to release preliminary results of the 2026 General Local Election for Mayor and Council. With a total of 10,368 votes, Leonard Krog is the frontrunner for the position of Mayor. Preliminary results for the eight seats on Council are as follows:

- Ben Geselbracht (12,399 votes)
- Paul Manly (12,052 votes)
- Hilary Eastmure (10,660 votes)
- Sheryl Armstrong (9,368 votes)
- Andréa Coutu (8,160 votes)
- Erin Colleen Hemmens (8,090 votes)
- Marnie Boers (7,873 votes)
- Ian Thorpe (7,654 votes)

The official results will be declared by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21 when the count is finalized. To see complete preliminary results, please visit www.nanaimo.ca/elections.

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Key Points

- Voter turnout was approximately 31.63 per cent of registered voters. In comparison, voter turnout for the 2022 election was 24.2 per cent of registered voters.
- At the advance polls and on General Election Day, a combined total of 25,450 ballots were cast.

Quotes

"I am pleased to release the preliminary results for the 2026 election. I would like to thank everyone who took part, whether by casting a ballot, serving as an election worker, or putting their name forward as a candidate. The new Council will be sworn in at its Inaugural Meeting on Monday, Nov. 9."

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