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Nanaimo welcomes its next Mayor and Council at the 2026 Inaugural Ceremony

Summary

The City's new Mayor and Council will be welcomed and sworn-in during an Inaugural Council Meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9.

With 31.3 per cent voter turnout in the 2026 General Local Election, Leonard Eugene Krog was re-elected and will serve as Nanaimo's Mayor. Mayor Krog will be joined by re-elected Councillors Ben Geselbracht, Paul Manly, Hilary Eastmure, Sheryl Armstrong, Erin Colleen Hemmens and Ian Thorpe, and newly-elected councillors Andréa Coutu and Marnie Boers.

The public is invited to come and watch the swearing in ceremony, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre's Shaw Auditorium. The event will be livestreamed through the City's website and will be broadcast live on Rogers TV, channel 4.

For more information on the 2026 General Local Election in Nanaimo, please visit www.nanaimo.ca/elections.

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Key Points

- The inaugural meeting of Nanaimo's new City Council will be held Monday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre's Shaw Auditorium.
- The public is invited to attend in person, or can watch the ceremony live on our livestream or on Shaw TV, channel 4.
- Nanaimo's newly elected Mayor and Council will hold a four-year term of office, ending in October 2030.

Quotes

"The Inaugural Council Meeting is an opportunity to welcome the incoming Mayor and Council who will be guiding our City for the next four-year term, as well as an opportunity to say thank you to outgoing councillors."

Sheila Gurrie
Chief Elections Officer
City of Nanaimo

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