



2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS FOR:

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Two advance voting opportunities will be held for electors of the City of Nanaimo for the 2026 General Local Election as follows:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

- and -

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

At the Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo BC

ELECTOR REGISTRATION AT TIME OF VOTING

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the application form available at the voting place and making a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 17, 2026; and
- be a Canadian citizen; and
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- be a resident of the City of Nanaimo; and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

To register as a non-resident property elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 17, 2026; and
- be a Canadian citizen; and
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- be a registered owner of real property in the City of Nanaimo for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

*Note: If there is more than one registered owner of the real property: (1) all registered owners must be individuals (not corporations) who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust; and (2) **only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.***

Note: A person may register as a non-resident property elector only in relation to one parcel of real property in the City of Nanaimo.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED IN ORDER TO REGISTER AT TIME OF VOTING:

Resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce: (i) **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, (ii) **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, (iii) **written consent** from the majority of the property owners.

TYPES OF DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS IDENTIFICATION

You must produce at least two (2) documents that provide evidence of your identity and place of residence, at least one (1) of which must contain your signature. The following classes of documents will be accepted:

- a) a BC Driver's Licence;
- b) an Identification Card such as
 - i. a photo BC services card;
 - ii. a non-photo BC services card;
- c) A document, issued by the Government of Canada, that certifies registration under the *Indian Act* (e.g. Status Card)
- d) Citizenship or membership card issued by a First Nation
- e) Citizenship card issued by Metis Nation BC
- f) an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC
- g) a BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard;
- h) a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8, (now "Monthly Report HR0081");
- i) a Social Insurance Number card;
- j) a Citizenship Card;
- k) a real property tax notice;
- l) a credit card or debit card; or
- m) a utility bill, (such as electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services).

The above listed identification documents **MUST** be accepted by election officials. An election official may also accept other forms of documents that provide evidence satisfactory to the election official (e.g., a valid, current passport).

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

REQUESTS TO VOTE BY MAIL:

Requests to vote by mail must be done by filling out a mail ballot application form. Forms can be picked up in person from the Legislative Service Department at 455 Wallace Street, requested by email at elections@nanaimo.ca or by downloading the form from the City of Nanaimo website <https://www.nanaimo.ca/elections>.

Completed application forms must be submitted: in person or by mail to the Legislative Services Department, City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6, by fax to 250-755-4435, or scanned and emailed to elections@nanaimo.ca.

Once Legislative Services receives your completed application form, your name will be added to the list of electors to receive a mail ballot package which will be mailed to you once ballots are available.

Please note: Due to time constraints, applications for mail ballot packages received after October 6 will require the package to be picked up from the Legislative Service Department at 455 Wallace Street. Alternatively, special arrangements may be made by contacting the Chief Election Officer at 250-755-4405. Applications to vote by mail will not be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2026.

RETURNING MAIL BALLOT PACKAGES:

Once you receive your mail ballot package, you will be required to fill out the forms contained within the package. Step by step instructions will be included as part of the package.

Completed mail ballot packages **must** be received by the Chief Election Officer **by** the close of voting (8:00 p.m.) on General Voting Day (Saturday, October 17, 2026) in order to be counted for the election by either:

Mailing, or hand delivering, a completed mail ballot package ensuring that it is received by the Legislative Services Department at City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6 by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2026. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

OR

Making arrangements for the mail ballot package to be hand delivered to the Presiding Election Official at the City of Nanaimo Service and Resource Centre Voting Place, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters and the 2026 General Local Election, please visit the 2026 Elections page on the City of Nanaimo's website at www.nanaimo.ca/elections, or contact the Chief Election Officer, Sheila Gurrie, or the Deputy Chief Election Officer, Nikolina Vracar at 250-755-4405 or email elections@nanaimo.ca.