



2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS FOR:

ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION

On Saturday, October 17, 2026, a general local election will be held where City of Nanaimo electors will elect a Mayor and 8 Councillors.

**Are you eligible to vote in the General Local Election for Mayor and Councillor?
Is your name on the current voters list?**

Resident Electors - The City of Nanaimo uses the Provincial Voters List as its register of resident electors. To ensure your name is included on that voters list, please register with Elections BC by **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**.

- Register online by visiting: <https://eregister.electionsbc.gov.bc.ca/ovr> or contact Elections BC for assistance at voterservices@elections.bc.ca or 250-356-9325.

Non-Resident Property Electors may register in advance at the Legislative Services Department, City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC by **4:30 pm on Tuesday, August 25, 2026**.

- Contact the office by calling 250-755-4405 or emailing elections@nanaimo.ca if you need assistance or have questions about how to register.

Note: If you have not registered in advance by the dates provided above, your name will not appear on the voters list and you will need to register to vote immediately before voting.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS ARE:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a resident of the City of Nanaimo; and
- not 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 ARE:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the City of Nanaimo for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not 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.

VOTERS LIST

Beginning Tuesday, September 1, 2026 until the close of general voting for the election on Saturday, October 17, 2026, a copy of the voters list will be available for public inspection, at the Legislative Services Department, City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect the list, make copies, or use the information included in the list except for the purposes of Part 3 – Electors and Elections of the *Local Government Act*.

REQUEST TO OMIT OR OBSCURE

An elector may request that their address or other personal information about them be omitted from or obscured on the voters list. The elector must contact the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Election Officer to make this request at elections@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4405.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the voters list may be made in accordance with the *Local Government Act* until 4:00 pm on Friday, September 11, 2026. An objection must be in writing and an objection may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the City of Nanaimo and only on the basis that a person whose name appears on the voters list has died or is not qualified to register as an elector of the City of Nanaimo.

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Nominations for the offices of:

MAYOR (1 to be elected)

COUNCILLOR (8 to be elected)

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

By hand, mail or other delivery service to:

Legislative Services Department
First Floor, City Hall, 455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

By fax to: 250-755-4435

By email to: elections@nanaimo.ca

From 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 1, 2026
To 4:00 pm on Friday, September 11, 2026



Interested persons can obtain information on the requirements and procedures for making nominations including obtaining nomination packages, which are now available, by emailing elections@nanaimo.ca or visiting the Legislative Services Department located on the first floor of City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

The deadline to file nomination documents is 4:00 pm, Friday, September 11, 2026. Appointments are recommended to file nomination documents. To book an appointment please contact the Legislative Services Department at 250-755-4405 or elections@nanaimo.ca.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 17, 2026; and
- Canadian citizen; and
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Mayor	\$84,127.98
Councillor	\$42,660.74

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local election, the following third party advertising limits apply:

Third party advertising limit	\$4,206.40
Cumulative third party advertising limit	\$184,856.70

For further information on **campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC:

Toll-free phone: 1-855-952-0280

Email: lecf@elections.bc.ca

Website: <http://www.elections.bc.ca>

For further information on the 2026 General Local Election, please visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/elections, or contact Sheila Gurrie, Chief Election Officer or Nikolina Vracar, Deputy Chief Election Officer:

Email: elections@nanaimo.ca



Phone: 250-755-4405

Office: City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6