



Frequently-Asked Questions Regarding Non-Resident Property Electors

Who is eligible to be a non-resident property elector?

As a non-resident property owner -- you own property in one municipality or district and live in another -- you have the right to vote both where you live and where you own property.

You are eligible to vote in the BC general local election as a **non-resident property elector** if you:

- are a Canadian citizen*; and
- are 18 years of age or more on general voting day (November 19, 2005); and
- have lived in BC for at least six months immediately before the day you register to vote; and
- have owned real property, registered in your name**, for at least 30 days immediately before the day you register to vote; and
- are not a resident elector in the municipality where you wish to register as a non-resident property elector; and
- are not disqualified by law from voting.

*Landed immigrants are not eligible to vote.

**Properties must be registered in the name of individuals, who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.

What if I own property with someone else?

Only one non-resident property owner may vote for each property.

In other words, if two or more individuals own a single piece of property, the majority of owners must designate -- in writing -- one owner as the non-resident property elector for that property. In this instance a completed "Consent of Registered Owners" form must be submitted before registration can take place.

What if I own property with someone else, and that person is living in the house?

The person living in the house may vote as a resident elector because he or she lives there. As a non-resident property owner, you are also eligible to vote for that property, but you will still need the written consent of the other owner.

What if I own more than one piece of property?

You may only vote as a non-resident property elector for one piece of property in any municipality, regional district or school district.

In other words, even if you own two pieces of property in one municipality, you may vote only once. If, however, you own one piece of property in one municipality that you are not a resident in, and a second piece of property in another municipality that you are not a resident in, you may vote in both of those jurisdictions as a non-resident property elector *and* vote as a resident elector in the jurisdiction that you reside in.

How do non-resident property owners register?

As a non-resident property owner, you may register in advance **before September 27, 2005** by completing the Non-Resident Property Elector Registration form and having your signature on the form witnessed by another individual, who will also sign and provide their residential address. The form must then be submitted to the Election Office along with:

- a photocopy of proof of ownership (such as property tax notice, assessment notice or state of title certificate); and
- (if the property has more than one registered owner) a completed and signed Consent of Registered Owners form

If you register in advance, you will receive a "Where to Vote" card in the mail at the end of October. You may then simply take the "Where to Vote" card to the voting place and sign the register to receive your ballot.

You may also register at the time of voting. However, if you choose to register at the time you vote, you must first attend the Election Office to obtain a Non-Resident Property Elector Certificate and Voting Place Registration form. To obtain this form, you must demonstrate eligibility to register as a non-resident property elector, so you will need to bring:

- proof of ownership of the property (such as property tax notice, assessment notice or state of title certificate); and
- 2 pieces of personal identification; and
- (if the property has more than one registered owner) a completed and signed Consent of Registered Owners form.

You may then take the Certificate and Voting Place Registration form to an advance voting opportunity or to the voting place associated with your property address. At the voting place, you must ask to see the Presiding Election Official (PEO). The PEO will ask you to show 2 pieces of personal identification, and to sign a registration and voting declaration. You will then be issued a ballot.

For more information or to submit non-resident property elector forms, contact:

The City of Vancouver Election Office
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Vancouver, B.C.
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Office hours: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday (excluding holidays)

www.vancouver.ca/vote

email: voter.questions@vancouver.ca

General voting day: November 19, 2005, 8 am to 8 pm

Advance voting days: November 5, 9, 15 and 16, 2005, 8 am to 8 pm, at City Hall and Dunbar, West End and Trout Lake community centres.