

VANCOUVER VOTES

NOVEMBER 19
City of Vancouver
2005 General Local Election



General Voter Information

Saturday, November 19, 2005, from 8 am to 8 pm, the City of Vancouver will hold a general local election for:

- 1 Mayor
- 10 Councillors
- 7 Park Commissioners
- 9 School Trustees.

On your ballot you may vote for up to the total number of people to be elected. The term for these elected officials is three years.

Other questions on the ballot

On the back of the ballot, there are questions that ask for voters' opinions on borrowing for the City's three-year Capital Plan. Answering these questions helps the City make choices that reflect the opinions of Vancouver citizens.

Why vote?

Elected officials make decisions that directly affect your everyday life. By voting, you have the power to influence those decisions.

It's your City... vote on November 19!

Who may vote?

To vote in the City of Vancouver election, you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day (November 19, 2005)
- be a Canadian citizen
- have lived in B.C. for at least six months immediately before voting day
- have lived in Vancouver for at least 30 days immediately before voting day (OR have owned real property registered in your name in Vancouver for at least 30 days immediately before voting day)
- not be disqualified by law from voting.

You must meet ALL the above qualifications to be eligible to vote.

Landed immigrants who have not yet become Canadian citizens are not permitted to vote.

Who is on the Voters List?

The City of Vancouver takes its Voters List from Elections B.C. If you were listed on the May 17, 2005 Provincial Voters List, you should be on the City Voters List. If you are unsure whether you are on the list, contact the Election Office, 450 West Broadway, Vancouver, at **604.873.7681**.

Where to vote

If you are on the Voters List, you will receive a "Where to Vote" card in the mail at the end of October. This card shows the location of your voting place. You may also go to the City's website, vancouver.ca/vote, where there is a place to type your address and find your voting location. Or you can phone the Election Office to ask for your voting location. If you have moved, you must vote at your new voting place, even if your "Where to Vote" card shows your old voting place.

Registering to vote

If you are not on the Voters List, you complete a registration form at your voting place. You need to provide two pieces of identification – one showing your signature and one showing your address.

Advance and Special Voting

If you are unable to vote on November 19, 2005 you may qualify to vote in advance. The City has advance voting opportunities on November 5, 9, 15 and 16 (8 am to 8 pm) at City Hall and at the Dunbar, Trout Lake, and West End Community Centres.

For assistance in other languages, call our multilingual phone lines:

城市熱線
871-6868

ਮਿਟੀ ਗਟ ਲਾਈਨ
871-6565

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TIN THÀNH PHỐ

LINEA DE INFORMACIÓN
MUNICIPAL

871-6969

871-6464

To vote in advance you must sign a declaration stating your reasons. Here are some of the reasons for advance voting:

- you will be out of town on November 19
- you are unable to vote on November 19 due to reasons of conscience or circumstances beyond your control
- you have a physical disability or impaired mobility.

A schedule of special voting opportunities will be posted in certain medical and assisted-living facilities. For more information, and to find out if you are eligible to vote this way, call the Election Office at **604.873.7681**.

If you are unable to go to a voting place due to sickness or disability, you may ask to vote by mail. To vote by mail, you must contact the Vancouver Election Office for a mail ballot application. Mail ballots will be sent out after November 7, and must be returned to the Vancouver Election Office no later than 8 pm on November 19, 2005 to be counted.

Assistance at the voting place

If you need help while voting (such as reading names, or filling in the ballot), ask for the Presiding Election Official (PEO) in charge at the voting place. All Election staff take an oath to preserve the secrecy of the ballot so they can help voters with physical disabilities or difficulties reading or writing. You may also bring someone you know to the voting place to assist you. This person must take an oath of secrecy given by the PEO.

All voting places in the City of Vancouver are wheelchair accessible. If you are unable to enter the voting place, you may ask to vote "curbside". If English is not your first language and you need assistance, ask for the PEO, or bring someone you know as an interpreter. Your interpreter must take an oath of secrecy given by the PEO. Many voting places have staff with fluency in languages other than English who may be able to help you.

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