

Who can vote by mail?

On Saturday, November 15, 2008, from 8 am to 8 pm, the City of Vancouver will hold an election for **1 Mayor, 10 Councillors, 7 Park Commissioners, and 9 School Trustees**. Electors may vote by mail in this election if they:

- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, OR
- expect to be absent from the City on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities.

Who is eligible to vote?

You are allowed to vote in a Vancouver municipal election if you are registered as:

- a resident elector (ie. you live in Vancouver), OR
- a non-resident property elector (ie. you live elsewhere in B.C. but you own property in Vancouver).

You must meet all of the following requirements to vote:

1. You must be 18 years of age or older on general voting day (November 15, 2008).
2. You must be a Canadian citizen.
3. You must have been a resident of B.C. for at least 6 months immediately before you register to vote.
4. You must have
 - (a) been a resident of Vancouver for at least 30 days immediately before you register to vote (for resident electors), OR
 - (b) owned a property in Vancouver for at least 30 days immediately before you register to vote (for non-resident property electors).
5. You must not have been disqualified by law from voting.

How do you register to vote?

You must register on the Vancouver Municipal Voters List, either in advance (before September 23) or at the time of voting.

You may already be registered to vote. If you registered on the provincial Voters List before July 7, 2008, you will automatically be on the Vancouver Municipal Voters List. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the Vancouver Municipal Voters List, or you want to register a change of name or address, contact the Election Office at 604.873.7681 or email voter.questions@vancouver.ca.

If you need to register as a resident elector, complete the attached Application for Registration as a Resident Elector and return it to the Election Office by September 23. If you need to register as a non-resident property elector, contact the Election Office for an application package.

Requesting a mail ballot package

You must submit a completed Application to Vote by Mail to the Vancouver Election Office. If this application is completely filled out, we will put your name on our mailing list for a mail ballot package.

The Election Office will send out mail ballot packages commencing November 3, 2008. In order to be counted for the election, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on November 15, 2008.

Contacting the Vancouver Election Office

Address: 450 West Broadway, Vancouver BC V5Y 1R3

Tel: 604.873.7681 Fax: 604.873.7794 Email: voter.questions@vancouver.ca

Website: www.vancouver.ca/vote



APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESIDENT ELECTOR

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* MANDATORY INFORMATION UNDER THE ELECTION ACT

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME *			FIRST NAME(S) *			
BIRTH DATE * YEAR MONTH DAY	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE	SOCIAL INSURANCE NO. (LAST 6 NUMBERS ONLY)	B.C. DRIVER'S LICENCE NO.	PHONE NO. ()		
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IF NO BIRTHDATE PROVIDED, YOU MAY NOT BE REGISTERED AS A PROVINCIAL VOTER

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS *

APT/UNIT/PAD #	HOUSE/BUILDING #	STREET NAME			
ST/AVE/RD ETC.	N/S/E/W/SW ETC.	CITY / TOWN			POSTAL CODE B.C.

MAILING ADDRESS * (if different from your residential address)

POSTAL ADDRESS	RR #
	POSTAL CODE

PREVIOUS ADDRESS OR NAME (if you've moved or changed your name since your last contact with us)

PREVIOUS LAST NAME	PREVIOUS RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
PREVIOUS FIRST NAME(S)	

BY SUBMITTING THIS FORM, YOU ARE DECLARING THAT YOU MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS TO BE REGISTERED AS AN ELECTOR:

- you are a Canadian citizen;
- you have been a resident in B.C. for the past 6 months;
- you have been a resident in the municipality or regional district electoral area for the past 30 days;
- you are age 18 or older or, if an election is currently in progress in your municipality or regional district, you will be turning 18 on or before general voting day; and
- you are not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

SIGNATURES (required under the Local Government Act and Vancouver Charter)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	DATE
	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IF WITNESSED BY AN ELECTION OFFICIAL	
<p>WARNING: Making a false statement under the <i>Election Act</i>, the <i>Local Government Act</i> and the <i>Vancouver Charter</i> is a serious offence.</p>		

ELECTION OFFICIAL USE ONLY

The *Local Government Act* and the *Vancouver Charter* require applicants registering at the time of voting to produce two documents as evidence of their identity and place of residence, at least one of which must include the applicant's signature. The applicant may make a solemn declaration as to the applicant's place of residence if evidence is not available.

IDENTIFICATION 1
IDENTIFICATION 2 / AND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IF SOLEMN DECLARATION MADE

This form will be provided to Elections BC for purposes of updating the provincial voters list. Access to the voters list is restricted under the *Election Act* to protect the privacy rights of individuals.

Who is eligible to be a resident elector?

To vote in the Vancouver municipal election as a resident elector, you must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You will be age 18 or older on general voting day (November 15, 2008).
- You are a Canadian citizen.
- You have been a resident of B.C. for at least 6 months immediately before the day you register to vote.
- You have been a resident of Vancouver for at least 30 days immediately before the day you register to vote.
- You are not disqualified by the *Vancouver Charter*, the *School Act*, or any other enactment from voting in an election nor are you otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Are landed immigrants eligible to vote?

No. You must be a Canadian citizen to vote.

What does “resident” mean?

Section 25 of the *Vancouver Charter* contains rules for determining residence:

25. (1) The following rules apply to determine the area in which a person is a resident:
- (a) a person is a resident of the area where the person lives and to which, whenever absent, the person intends to return;
 - (b) a person may be the resident of only one area at a time for the purposes of this Part;
 - (c) a person does not change the area in which the person is a resident until the person has a new area in which the person is a resident;
 - (d) a person does not cease being a resident of an area by leaving the area for temporary purposes only.
- (2) As an exception to subsection (1), if a person establishes for the purposes of attending an educational institution a new area in which the person is a resident that is away from the usual area in which the person is a resident, the person may choose for the purposes of this Part either the usual area or the new area as the area in which the person is a resident.

What does “disqualified from voting” mean?

You may not vote in a British Columbia local government election if you:

- have been convicted of an indictable offence and are in custody; or
- have been found guilty of an election offence.

When I register to vote with the City, will my name be added to the provincial voters list?

Yes. When you register as a resident elector, your information will be forwarded to Elections BC, to be included in the provincial voters list.