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**Subject:** Memo: Consideration for Potential Provincial Election

**Attachments:** CCO - Memo to Council Re Running for Provincial Office - Sep 2020.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

In the event that a Provincial is called in the near future, the Acting City Clerk has provided information on rules that Council members should be aware of if considering running for Provincial office.

A local government elected official is not required to resign from their current local government elected position to run for the Legislative Assembly. However, there are conflict of interest rules in the [Vancouver Charter](#) and Vancouver [Code of Conduct](#) policy that must be adhered to. Council are also reminded of the restricted use of City-issued equipment and resources for political purposes.

If you have additional questions, please contact Rosemary Hagiwara at [rosemary.hagiwara@vancouver.ca](mailto:rosemary.hagiwara@vancouver.ca)

Best,  
Sadhu

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Pronouns: he, him, his



*The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.*

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## MEMORANDUM

September 10, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager  
Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager  
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Francie Connell, Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor  
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Jessica Nelson, Business and Election Services Manager

FROM: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk

SUBJECT: Running for Provincial Office

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This memorandum provides information for local government elected officials regarding the legal requirements about running for the Legislative Assembly.

A person who holds a local government elected office (e.g. municipal councillor, Park Board, school trustee) may be nominated as a candidate in a provincial election. Federal MPs cannot run for provincial office. More information on eligibility requirements for running for provincial office can be found in [Election BC's Candidate Guide](#).

A local government elected official is not required to resign from their current local government elected position to run for the Legislative Assembly. However, there are conflict of interest rules in the [Vancouver Charter](#) and Vancouver [Code of Conduct](#) policy that must be adhered to.

If a member of Council wishes to resign from their local government position to run for or sit in the Legislative Assembly, the following requirements must be met as per section 142 of the Vancouver Charter.

### VC Resignation from office

**142.** (1) A member of Council may resign from office only by delivering a written resignation to the City Clerk.

(2) A resignation becomes effective when it is received by the City Clerk, even if a later date is set out in the resignation, and may not be revoked after the time it is received.

(3) The City Clerk must notify the Council of a resignation at its next meeting after the resignation is received or, if there are no other Council members, the City Clerk must notify the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Inspector of Municipalities.

Members of Council are restricted from using City-issued equipment as outline under the following policy and as well as resources for political purposes.

- City equipment [Policy](#) (AG-015-01)

It should be noted that a resignation of a Council member received prior to January 1, 2022 will result in a City of Vancouver by-election. The last Vancouver by-election in 2017 cost the City \$1,535,250. With inflation and other requirements related to COVID-19, it is anticipated that a by-election prior to 2022 would cost the City more than the 2017 by-election to run.

Should you require additional information, please contact Rosemary Hagiwara at [rosemary.hagiwara@vancouver.ca](mailto:rosemary.hagiwara@vancouver.ca)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RH' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rosemary Hagiwara