



# **2022 Election Media Handbook**

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## Quick Reference

The City of Vancouver and Elections BC share responsibilities for the Vancouver municipal election. The Vancouver Election Office manages the election on behalf of the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Park Board, and the Vancouver School Board.

The Election Office (a department within the City Clerk’s Office) manages voting and nominations. Elections BC manages campaign financing and advertising, and has chief responsibility for registering voters and managing the Voters List.

## Media contacts

City of Vancouver	Contact details
Media relations	Vancouver City Hall, 453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver BC V5H 1V4 Email (primary contact): <a href="mailto:media@vancouver.ca">media@vancouver.ca</a>
Main election website	<a href="http://vancouver.ca/vote">vancouver.ca/vote</a> – contains all election info
Social media accounts	Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/cityofvancouver">twitter.com/cityofvancouver</a> Facebook: <a href="https://facebook.com/cityofvancouver">facebook.com/cityofvancouver</a> Instagram: <a href="https://instagram.com/cityofvancouver">instagram.com/cityofvancouver</a>
Main City help line	3-1-1
City app	Van311 – search on Apple and Android app stores

Elections BC	Contact details
Media contact	Andrew Watson <a href="mailto:Andrew.Watson@elections.bc.ca">Andrew.Watson@elections.bc.ca</a> 250-387-1709
Local election campaign financing	Email: <a href="mailto:lecf@elections.bc.ca">lecf@elections.bc.ca</a> Toll free phone: 1-855-952-0280
Main election website	<a href="http://elections.bc.ca">elections.bc.ca</a>
Social media accounts	Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/electionsbc">twitter.com/electionsbc</a> Facebook: <a href="https://facebook.com/electionsbc">facebook.com/electionsbc</a> Instagram: <a href="https://instagram.com/electionsbc">instagram.com/electionsbc</a>

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## Overview

The City of Vancouver encourages all media to report on the municipal election at every stage. Balanced media coverage stimulates public interest, and will help increase voter turn-out. This handbook provides information that may help local media and Election staff to facilitate media coverage where possible and, at the same time, avoid inappropriate electioneering or compromising the secrecy of the voting process, or invading the privacy of voters.

## Upcoming media events

The following media events will help media representatives capture video footage and imagery, and file accurate and timely stories on the Vancouver Election.

1. **Media tour of voting place** - Media will have an opportunity to capture b-roll footage of activities inside a voting place, as well as possible interviews with voters (100 metres away from the voting place). No footage of actual voting and inserting ballot in ballot counting machine to preserve the secrecy of the vote.
  - When: Saturday, October 1 at 9:30 am
  - Where: Trout Lake Community Centre, 3360 Victoria Drive, Vancouver
  - Who: Rosemary Hagiwara, Chief Election Officer
  
2. **Election Day** – Unofficial Election Day results will be generated and released on [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote).
  - When: Results can be published as early as 9 pm

## **What the 2022 municipal election is about**

### **What we are voting for?**

In the 2022 Vancouver municipal election, voters will elect:

- One mayor
- 10 councillors
- Seven Park Board commissioners
- Nine school trustees

All offices are held for a four-year term.

Voters will also vote on whether the City should borrow funds for some of the major projects outlined in the 2023-2026 Capital Plan. This process is called assent voting.

### **What do the mayor and councillors do?**

Vancouver City Council is made up of one Mayor and 10 Councillors. Council has the authority to pass by-laws that regulate a wide range of areas, such as business licensing, land use, property development, street use, and parking. Council is also responsible for providing Police and Fire services. Council may set and collect property taxes, buy and sell property, approve expenditures and take on debts. The Vancouver Charter, an act of the provincial legislature, and other legislation, gives City Council responsibility for such actions.

Vancouver City Council is governed by the Vancouver Charter and has the power to:

- Pass by-laws regulating such things as businesses, building, noise, and land use
- Buy and sell property
- Collect property tax and other taxes
- Approve major spending for all parts of the City government
- Take on debt
- Allocate funds for special activities, such as arts and community services
- Set up departments and offices for City services

Elected representatives from Vancouver local government also serve on regional bodies like Metro Vancouver and TransLink, which coordinate and provide services such as public transit, water treatment and distribution, sewage collection and treatment, and regional parks for Greater Vancouver residents.

### **What do Park Board commissioners do?**

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is made up of seven Commissioners who are responsible for the management of city parks and recreation centres. It is the only elected park board in Canada, and its powers are determined by the Vancouver Charter. The Park Board establishes regulations for the use of City parks and facilities through the adoption of bylaws. The Board operates within a budget established by City Council.

### **What do School Trustees do?**

The Vancouver School Board (School District No. 39) is made up of nine Trustees and is independent of City Council. It provides elementary, secondary, community and specialized education services within the city and the UBC Lands and UEL. The provincial School Act governs the function of the Vancouver School Board. The provincial government, in consultation with the Board, determines how much money is allocated for the school district's operating and capital expenses.

The Vancouver School Board operates 89 elementary schools and 18 secondary schools, as well as two adult education centres.

### **What's on the ballot?**

The ballot will list all of the candidates' names, and Capital Plan questions. The candidates will be listed in random order including a number beside each name.

### **What is the Capital Plan?**

The Capital Plan is a four-year financial plan for investments in Vancouver's facilities and infrastructure. All City services, from parks and community facilities, to streets, sidewalks, and water, require buildings and other infrastructure to support them.

A portion of the Capital Plan is funded using debt, and any debt incurred by the City, except for utilities like waterworks and sewers, requires citizen approval.

The wording of the borrowing questions follows this general format: "Are you in favour of Council having the authority to pass by-laws to borrow for the following purposes? (Yes/No)".

The vote for Capital Plan borrowing is held at the same time as the municipal election.

The exact wording of the three questions on the ballot is as follows:

#### **1. TRANSPORTATION AND CORE OPERATING TECHNOLOGY**

Are you in favour of Council having the authority, without further assent of the electors, to pass by-laws between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2026 to borrow an aggregate \$173,450,000 for the following purposes?

##### **A. Street and Bridge Infrastructure**

To provide for major maintenance, reconstruction and enhancement of the arterial and neighbourhood transportation networks, sidewalks, greenways and cycle routes and to undertake major maintenance of bridges and other structures, including repairs and structural work on the Granville Bridge and Cambie Bridge.

\$94,250,000

##### **B. Traffic Signals and Street Lighting**

To provide for major maintenance, replacement and enhancement of traffic signals and street lighting that are beyond economical repair or no longer meet operational requirements.

\$54,300,000

##### **C. Electrical Services in Public Spaces**

To provide for increased availability of electrical services in public spaces including uses such as electrical vehicle and bike charging, electrical kiosks for food trucks, filming and events, and lighting in public gathering spaces.

\$8,500,000

**D. Core Operating Technology**

To provide for renewal and enhancement of the City’s core operating information technology systems such as fiber, data centres, servers and applications that are critical to the delivery of and access to City services and programs.

\$16,400,000

**Total ..... \$173,450,000**

*If this question receives the assent of the electors, Council has the power, without further assent of the electors, to pass by-laws, as and when Council considers appropriate, to borrow money for the projects described up to \$173,450,000.*

**EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR QUESTIONS 2 AND 3:**

- Community facilities include buildings such as community centres, pools, rinks, libraries, childcare facilities, cultural facilities, social facilities and affordable housing.
- Civic facilities include buildings such as fire halls, police buildings, administrative facilities and service yards.

**2. COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Are you in favour of Council having the authority, without further assent of the electors, to pass by-laws between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2026 to borrow an aggregate \$162,075,000 for the following purposes?

**A. Renewal of Vancouver Aquatic Centre**

To provide for replacement, renewal or rehabilitation of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre.

\$103,000,000

**B. Renewal and Upgrades of Community Facilities**

To provide for replacement, renewal or rehabilitation of community facilities, including RayCam Community Centre and Childcare and/or other community facility projects.

\$59,075,000

**Total ..... \$162,075,000**

*If this question receives the assent of the electors, Council has the power, without further assent of the electors, to pass by-laws, as and when Council considers appropriate, to borrow money for the projects described up to \$162,075,000.*

**3. PARKS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER CIVIC FACILITIES, CLIMATE ADAPTATION, AND OTHER EMERGING PRIORITIES**

Are you in favour of Council having the authority, without further assent of the electors, to pass by-laws between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2026 to borrow an aggregate \$159,475,000 for the following purposes?

**A. Renewal, Maintenance and Upgrades of Parks**

To provide for renewal, ongoing capital maintenance, renovations or other upgrades of parks, park buildings and features within parks such as the seawall, pathways, playgrounds, playfields and sport courts.

**B. Renewal and Upgrades of Public Safety and Other Civic Facilities**

To provide for replacement, renewal or rehabilitation of public safety and other civic facilities, including the Downtown South Fire Hall, Animal Shelter, and/or other civic facility projects.

\$60,610,000

**C. Emerging Climate Adaptation Priorities**

To provide for additional replacement, renewal, or upgrade of infrastructure in response to Climate Change to withstand current and future risks associated with natural hazards; such as seawall reconstruction, urban canopy other climate adaptation projects.

\$20,000,000

**D. Senior Government Partnership and/or Other Emerging Priorities**

To provide for the City's share of funding to leverage senior government and partner funding in the areas of transportation, community facilities, parks, civic facilities and technology and/or other emerging priorities.

\$45,415,000

**Total ..... \$159,475,000**

*If this question receives the assent of the electors, Council has the power, without further assent of the electors, to pass bylaws, as and when Council considers appropriate, to borrow money for the projects described up to \$159,475,000.*

**What's new in the 2022 Vancouver Election**

1. **COVID-19 safety measures will be in effect in voting places.** All current B.C. Provincial Health Orders will be followed. Election officials will have COVID-19 safety training, and be vaccinated against COVID-19. Physical distancing will be managed, disposable masks, gloves, and sanitizer available. Voters are also encouraged to protect themselves and others, and have the option of voting by mail.
2. **There are new changes in the Local Elections Campaign Financial Act (LECFA).** These changes include extending the pre-campaign period, limiting sponsorship contributions, elector organizations registrations with Elections BC, and new tools to investigate those who do not comply with the new campaign financing rules. Find out more [here](#). Campaign finance rules are administered by Elections BC, not the City of Vancouver.
3. **As in 2018, candidates in all races will be listed in random order on the ballot (not alphabetical).** For this election, there will be a number appearing beside each candidate's name. The random order list will be drawn after 4 pm on Friday, September 16 and will be widely available to Vancouver residents.
4. **Voter information available in 10 languages in addition to English.** Voter information was released in a pamphlet form, on [vancouver.ca/vote](http://vancouver.ca/vote) and in the Voters' Guide. The information is presented in the following languages, in addition to English: Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Tagalog, Punjabi, Vietnamese, Spanish, Korean, Farsi, French, and Japanese. These languages were determined based on the top languages most used in the homes of Vancouver residents, as per the 2016 Census (the latest Census available in early 2022). Voter information is also released in audio/video/visual/American Sign Language format, as well as in braille.
5. **American Sign Language available on-demand video at advance voting places.**

6. **Advance voting is expanded** to 22 voting places from 12 voting places in the 2022 municipal election. All voting places will be open for 5 days, from 8 am to 8 pm.
7. **There are 80 voting places on Election Day all across the City.** Voting places will be open from 8 am to 8 pm.
8. **All eligible voters may vote by mail.** The Province reduced the requirements for mail ballots under the Vancouver Charter in 2021, and now all voters may vote by mail.
9. **“I Voted” stickers will not be handed out at voting places.** This is to reduce the length of time voters spend at the voting place, COVID safety, reduce waste and stay in line with sustainability initiatives, as well as cleanup costs of stickers post-Election Day.

### Key dates for the election

Election Event	Date
Vote by mail packages available for request	September 6, 2022
Declaration of election by voting	September 19, 2022
Vote by mail packages mailed out	September 27, 2022
Print Voters' Guides available at City facilities and more Candidate profiles available on <a href="http://vancouver.ca/vote">vancouver.ca/vote</a>	September 29, 2022
Advance voting days at 22 locations (8 am to 8 pm)	October 1, 5, 8, 11, and 13
Special Voting Opportunities begin (mobile voting at care homes & other facilities)	September 28 to October 13
Election Day (8 am to 8 pm)	October 15, 2022
Declaration of official election results	October 19, 2022
Elected candidate to take oath of office	November 7, 2022

## Election officials and their responsibilities

The City of Vancouver's Election Office is responsible for voting and nominations in the Vancouver election. The Election Office is a department of the City Clerk's Office.

### Chief Election Officer

The City of Vancouver's Chief Election Officer is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the election, in accordance with provincial legislation. Rosemary Hagiwara is the Chief Election Officer for the 2022 Vancouver Election.

### Other election officials

From May to September, around 1,500 temporary election officials are hired and trained to work the election in October. All election officials are paid, and each of these positions receives a minimum of two three-hour training sessions to ensure they are prepared for their roles.

All election officials must NOT be related to any candidate running for office in the election and must not be actively working for any election campaign or any candidate. Each election official must sign a declaration to this effect.

Each voting place has a **Presiding Election Official (PEO)** who is responsible for ensuring voting procedures are followed correctly, voting places are safe, and results are reported to the Chief Election Officer at the end of the initial count. The PEO receives guidance and direction from, and reports issues to, the Chief Election Officer.

The PEO oversees and supervises several key staff at the voting place, including:

- An **Alternate Presiding Election Official (APEO)**, who assists in supervision of the voting place and assumes the PEO's duties in their absence. APEOs assist with the setup of the voting location; registration of voters and ensure campaign restrictions are observed on voting day. The APEO must not be related to any candidate running for office in the election and must not be actively working for any election campaign or any candidate.
- **Registration Officials (ROs)** support the administration of voting. ROs ensure eligible voters receive good service and are able to place their vote in a timely fashion. They are typically assigned to check voters off the Voters List and register new voters.
- **Voting Coordinators (VCs)** also support the administration of voting alongside the ROs. They are typically assigned one or more roles as Greeter and/or Ballot Machine Attendant. The Greeter is the first point of contact for a voter and the Ballot Machine Attendant is the person who assists the voter in casting their ballot. Like ROs, VCs ensure eligible voters receive good service and are able to place their vote in a timely fashion.

### Elections BC involvement

Local government elections in B.C. are not run by one single entity. While the City of Vancouver administers voting and the nominations in its municipal election, Elections BC administers campaign financing and advertising rules for local elections and assent voting in B.C.

Elections BC also manages Vancouver’s Voters List. The list is provided to the City up to 52 days before the election, and then sent back to Elections BC after the municipal election is complete, incorporating all newly registered voters into the list.

There are a few more authorities who play a role in local general elections, by-elections and assent voting. The following table from Elections BC outlines the areas of responsibility.

<b>If you have questions about</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Voting and ballots	<a href="#">Local Chief Election Officers</a>
Nomination process	<a href="#">Local Chief Election Officers</a>
Advertising rules	Elections BC
Campaign financing and disclosure rules	Elections BC
Registration of elector organizations	Elections BC
School trustees/school board elections	<a href="#">Ministry of Education</a>
Legislation for local elections	<a href="#">Ministry of Municipal Affairs</a>

### **Other elections in October**

Vancouver’s municipal election is not the only one happening in October. Every local government in B.C. will be holding an election on Saturday, October 15, as directed by provincial law. Each local government’s election office will make their own unique decisions about their voting and nomination processes, including advance voting dates, types of voting available, and more.

Vancouver’s Election is the only one in B.C. that features the election of Park Board Commissioners.

### **Legislation governing City of Vancouver elections**

Several pieces of legislation govern the City of Vancouver elections. The specific legislations are:

#### Provincial

- [Local Elections Campaign Financing Act](#)
- [School Act](#)
- [Vancouver Charter](#)

#### Municipal

- [City of Vancouver Election By-Law](#)

The provincial Election Act does not apply to the City of Vancouver’s municipal election.

## Candidates and campaigning

### Becoming a candidate

This section provides a general overview on running for office. The process of nominations is managed by the City of Vancouver's Election Office. Full details on becoming a candidate and running for office are available at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote).

#### Who can become a candidate?

To stand as a candidate for office, a person must be:

- 18 years of age or older as of general voting day for the election
- A Canadian citizen
- A resident of British Columbia, as determined in accordance with section 25 of the Vancouver Charter, for the past six months immediately preceding the date of nomination
- Not disqualified under the Vancouver Charter, or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or is not otherwise disqualified by law
- Not subject to any of the disqualifications set out in [section 38\(2\)](#) of the Vancouver Charter

People disqualified by the Vancouver Charter from running for office include:

- A person who is a judge of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, or Provincial Court
- A person who is an employee of the City of Vancouver (unless they take a leave of absence and resign if elected)
- A person who is a member of the board of the regional district in which the City of Vancouver is located

#### How does someone become a candidate?

To become a candidate, a person must submit a completed nomination package to the City of Vancouver's Election Office by the deadline.

The Elections Office will receive nomination packages by appointment only during the nomination period: Tuesday, August 30 at 9 am until Friday, September 9 at 4 pm.

#### Nomination packages

Nomination packages can be downloaded at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote). Completed nomination packages will include:

- Signatures from a minimum of 25 qualified electors who endorse the candidate for office
- A \$100 deposit, which will be returned after campaign financing disclosure statements are filed with Elections BC
- A solemn declaration swearing that the candidate is eligible to run, will take office if elected, and is aware of all financial requirements required by Elections BC

Candidates can also submit an optional brief biography and photograph to be posted at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote) and shared in the printed Voters' Guide.

## **Elector organizations (political parties)**

Candidates can be endorsed by elector organizations, also known as political parties, and this endorsement can be included on the ballot. The elector organization needs to submit a separate package to the Chief Election Officer during the nomination period that includes:

- the name of the candidates they would like to endorse
- the written consent of these candidates to be endorsed

Each elector organization must have a membership of at least 50 electors and understand the legal requirements that apply to their organization under the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act. An organization may not endorse more candidates for a particular office than there are positions to be filled for that office, and candidates may not consent to endorsement by more than one organization.

Endorsement packages can be found at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote).

Elector organizations must register by August 2, 2022 to endorse candidates in the 2022 General Local Elections.

## **Can you run for office in more than one race?**

Candidates can only run for one office at the City. However, candidates for City positions may also run for School Trustee, as the School Board is a separate institution. A separate nomination package is required for each race.

## **Challenge, withdrawal, and random order draw dates**

After the nomination period closes on Friday, September 9 at 4 pm, the City will issue a news release with the names of all candidates who have successfully submitted a nomination package, and publish the names at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote).

In accordance with the Vancouver Charter [section 45.2](#), the following activities may happen up until Friday, September 16 at 4 pm:

- Candidates may withdraw their candidacy,
- Candidates may withdraw their consent to be endorsed by a political party,
- Political parties may withdraw their endorsement of a candidate, or
- A decision must be made if an eligible voter, another nominee, or the Chief Election Officer challenges the nomination of a candidate, and/or the endorsement of a candidate by a political party

On Friday, September 16 at 5 pm, the Election Office will draw the order of names to appear on the ballot in accordance with [section 79](#) of the Vancouver Charter. There will be numbers assigned to each candidate, which will appear beside their name on the ballot. The random order list is available at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote) and in the printed Voters' Guide.

## **Candidate biographies and platforms**

Short biographies, platforms, and photos submitted by candidates will be published by September 22 at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote), and will also be printed in the Voters' Guide which will be distributed at all City facilities and other neighbourhood gathering spaces.

## Campaigning during the election

This section provides an overview of campaigning requirements based on Elections BC materials. However, please note that Elections BC administers rules about advertising and campaign financing for all local government elections in British Columbia.

Before publishing or broadcasting stories, please confirm the information in this handbook with the latest information from Elections BC, and reach out to them with any questions about the following areas:

- Rules about campaign materials
- Campaign financing rules
- Advertising rules (throughout the campaign and on General Voting Day)
- Third-party sponsors

### Third-party sponsors

A third-party sponsor is an individual or organization that undertakes election advertising independent from a candidate or elector organization campaign.

Third-party sponsors must register with Elections BC and disclose their campaign financing under the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act.

### Use of City facilities in election campaigns

City facilities should **not** be used for campaign purposes unless it occurs in a space where rental is permitted. However, the outside steps of City Hall can provide candidates with the "image" of City government they are seeking, either as a backdrop for TV coverage, or as part of a photo shoot if voting is not in progress.

**Pre-planned campaigning on the City Hall steps is not allowed:** this type of activity would include news conferences, pamphlet distribution, electioneering, events, etc.

Council Chamber is not to be used for electioneering or any other election-related activity.

Offices where City business takes place are not to be used for electioneering.

For more information on the use of City and Park Board Facilities for Campaigning, please [review this policy](#).

## Election signage and City by-laws

Election/ political signage is not allowed on City property including, but not limited to:

- the area between the sidewalk and the street
- boulevards or street centre medians (including on Boundary Road)
- poles
- structures such as utility or post boxes
- sidewalks and roadways

Exceptions:

- Election/ political signage is acceptable on City property during an election only between the back of sidewalk and an adjoining private property with permission of the property owner.
- Election/ political material may be posted using the City's poster cylinders located on designated lamp standards throughout the city. Find the map online at: <http://vancouver.ca/doing-business/posters-and-signs-on-city-property.aspx>

#### Impounding of signs:

All improperly placed signs and posters on City property will be impounded and stored at Engineering Services, 5th Floor, 507 West Broadway at the expense of the party/ candidate involved. If a sign is removed, it can be recovered from this location from 9am-5pm on weekdays. During these unprecedented times, please email or call to make an appointment to recover any impounded signage.

Under the Impounding By-law, the City is authorized to charge for the removal of unlawfully placed signs on City streets. The minimum impoundment charge is \$100.00 per sign and may increase depending on the amount of staff and equipment required for removal.

Signs on private property are regulated by the Sign By-law:

- Election/ political signs are allowed on private property. A sign that is less than 3.0m<sup>2</sup> and free standing does not require a permit. One window sign per address and covering a maximum of 30% of the glass surface of the window does not require a permit.
- Election signs may be put up on:
  - the day a federal or provincial election is announced; or
  - 45 days before a municipal election vote or referendum.

Election signs must be removed 48 hours after the close of voting.

#### **Advertising and campaigning on October 15, 2022**

Advertising rules are administered by Elections BC.

Please refer to the [2022 General Local Elections - Election Advertising Reference Sheet](#) prepared by Elections BC.

Partisan election advertising is NOT allowed on Election Day, October 15, 2022. Candidates who place election advertising on October 15, and any media that accept such advertising, could face penalties. This ad ban does not apply to the Vancouver Election Office, which advocates for the voting process, not particular candidates or political parties.

#### **Advertising rules are governed by Elections BC and media questions should be directed to:**

Elections BC Communications

Phone: 250-387-1709

Email: [communications@elections.bc.ca](mailto:communications@elections.bc.ca)

The advertising ban does not apply to the City of Vancouver's Election Office, which advocates for the voting process, not particular candidates or political parties.

## **Candidate forums**

### **How to find out about all-candidates meetings**

The City of Vancouver does not organize all-candidates meetings, but will:

- Post submitted information about forums to [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote)
- Share a link to the City's list of forums through its social media channels and email lists to let residents know.

Those hosting forums can submit their details at <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/submit-an-event.aspx>.

Please note that submitters take responsibility for the accuracy of candidate forum information, and the City is sharing the information as a service to the community.

## Electoral offenses

### What are the different types of elections offenses?

The Vancouver Charter prohibits several types of campaigning activities in Division 17, sections 123, 124, and 125, which include:

- **Vote buying**  
You cannot pay, give, lend, or procure inducement to make a person vote or refrain from voting.
- **Intimidation**  
You cannot use force, violence, restraint or injure another person or their property to persuade them to vote or refrain from voting.
- **Vote when not entitled to do so**  
You cannot vote if you are not entitled to do so; you cannot vote more than once; you cannot obtain a ballot in the name of another person (living or dead), and you cannot ruin the secrecy of a ballot.
- **Reproduce, steal, or destroy ballots**  
You cannot print ballots without authority to do so, and you cannot destroy, take, open, or otherwise interfere with a ballot box or ballots.
- **Campaigning on voting days within 100 metres of a voting place**  
You cannot campaign, canvass for votes, attempt to influence a voter, display election advertising, or carry/wear a flag, badge or other thing that shows support for a candidate or party within 100 metres of a voting place.

### Who to contact if you think an election offense is happening

Please contact the City of Vancouver at 3-1-1 and the Election Office will investigate.

## Voters and voting

The voting process is managed by the Vancouver Election Office. This section provides a general overview of voting in the election – full details can be found at [vancouver.ca/vote](http://vancouver.ca/vote).

### Who can vote?

To vote in the City of Vancouver, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older on election day (October 15, 2022)
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Have lived in BC for at least 6 months immediately before the day you register to vote
- Have lived in Vancouver (no minimum days required)
- Not be disqualified by law from voting

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

Permanent residents who have not yet become Canadian citizens cannot vote.

**If you live in the UBC Lands or University Endowment Lands, and you do not own property in Vancouver,** you can only vote for school trustees in the Vancouver Election. If you meet the requirements, you may vote for an Electoral Area A Director:

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/boards/elections/voting/Pages/default.aspx>.

If you own property in Vancouver – but you live elsewhere in BC – you might qualify to vote as a non-resident property elector. See section 9 for more information.

## Registering to vote

Before you can vote, you must be registered to vote

### Process

The deadline to be included in the 2022 Vancouver Election Voters List was in August 2022. Voters who have not yet registered, or have moved or changed their name and have not updated their information can do so when they go to vote.

The Vancouver Voters List is adopted from the Provincial Voters List.

### Identification voters need

If voters are registering in person at a voting place, they need to provide two identifying documents to prove who they are and where they live, one of which must include their signature.

Electronic copies of documents will be accepted.

### Examples of acceptable IDs:

- Band membership card or Certificate of Indian Status
- BC CareCard
- BC Driver's Licence
- BC Identification Card (BCID)
- BC Services Card
- Canadian Citizenship Card
- Canadian Passport
- Debit or credit card
- Government cheque or cheque stub
- Old Age Security Identification Card
- Prescription medication containers
- Property tax assessment/notice
- Social Insurance Number Card
- Student card
- Utility bill

Note: The new combined BC Driver's Licence and CareCard is considered one identifying document.

### If voters only have one acceptable identifying document

If voters have only one acceptable identifying document, they can swear a Declaration of Elector Identity and Place of Residence in front of a Presiding Election Official at the voting place.

This statutory declaration becomes their second identifying document. Only one statutory declaration will be accepted.

A Presiding Election Official (PEO) has the authority to accept any combination of two or more documents that provide evidence satisfactory to the election official respecting both identity and residence.

The combination of documents must prove both who they are and where they live, and at least one of them must be signed.

**Voters with no fixed address**

If voters live in Vancouver and have no fixed address or postal address, they can register to vote by providing:

- The name and/or address of a shelter or social service agency they go to in Vancouver
- The address of the voting place

They will need to provide identification or make a sworn declaration.

## Non-resident Property Electors (NRPEs)

### Requirements

Those who are registered owners of property in a municipality or district but live elsewhere may be eligible to vote for both places where they live and own property:

#### Qualifications to meet to vote

They must:

- Not be entitled to register as a resident elector in the city of Vancouver
- Not have registered as a non-resident property elector in relation to any other parcel of property in the city of Vancouver
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be 18 years old or older, or will be turning 18 on or before general voting day (October 15, 2022)
- Be a registered owner of property in Vancouver for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration
- Have been a resident in B.C. for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration
- Be the only persons who are registered owners of the property are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or other trust
- Have received the written consent of the majority of registered owners for the property, authorizing you to be registered as the non-resident property elector for this property (If applicable)
- Not be disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or are otherwise disqualified by law

For more information about Non-resident Property Electors, visit <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/voters-guide.aspx#section112392>.

## The voting process

Eligible voters can choose one of three ways to vote in the 2022 Vancouver Election.

### In advance

Voters can vote in advance on October 1, 5, 8, 11, and 13. Voters may vote at any Vancouver advance voting place between 8 am and 8 pm.

### On Election Day

Voters can vote at any voting place in Vancouver on Saturday, October 15 between 8 am and 8 pm.

**Voting places on advance voting days and Election Day – voters can choose the most convenient voting place for them**

	Voting place	Address	Special note
1.	Britannia Community Services Centre	1661 Napier Street	Also advance voting place
2.	Captain James Cook Elementary School	3340 East 54th Avenue	
3.	Carnarvon Community Elementary School	3400 Balaclava Street	
4.	Carnegie Community Centre	401 Main Street	Also advance voting place
5.	Champlain Heights Community Centre	3350 Maquinna Drive	Also advance voting place
6.	Charles Dickens Annex	3877 Glen Drive	
7.	Chief Maquinna Elementary School	2684 East 2nd Avenue	
8.	Coal Harbour Community Centre	480 Broughton Street	
9.	Collingwood Neighbourhood House	5288 Joyce Street	
10.	Creekside Community Recreation Centre	1 Athletes Way	Also advance voting place
11.	David Oppenheimer Elementary School	2421 Scarboro Avenue	
12.	David Thompson Secondary School	1755 East 55th Avenue	
13.	Douglas Park Community Centre	801 West 22nd Avenue	Also advance voting place
14.	Dr. R. E. McKechnie Elementary School	7455 Maple Street	
15.	Dunbar Community Centre	4747 Dunbar Street	Also advance voting place
16.	False Creek Community Centre	1318 Cartwright Street	
17.	False Creek Elementary School	900 School Green	
18.	Gathering Place Community Centre	609 Helmcken Street	
19.	General Brock Elementary School	4860 Main Street	
20.	General Gordon Elementary School	2268 Bayswater Street	
21.	Gordon Neighbourhood House	1019 Broughton Street	
22.	Grandview ḡuuqinak'uuh Elementary School	2055 Woodland Drive	
23.	Hastings Community Centre	3096 East Hastings Street	Also advance voting place
24.	Hillcrest Centre	4575 Clancy Loranger Way	Also advance voting place
25.	Holy Trinity Anglican Church	1440 West 12th Avenue	

26.	Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver	950 West 41st Avenue	
27.	John Norquay Elementary School	4710 Slocan Street	
28.	John Oliver Secondary School	530 East 41st Avenue	
29.	Kensington Community Centre	5175 Dumfries Street	Also advance voting place
30.	Kerrisdale Community Centre	5851 West Boulevard	Also advance voting place
31.	Kerrisdale Elementary School	5555 Carnarvon Street	
32.	Killarney Community Centre	6260 Killarney Street	Also advance voting place
33.	King George Secondary School	1755 Barclay Street	
34.	Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	2305 West 7th Avenue	
35.	Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre	2690 Larch Street	Also advance voting place
36.	Kivan Club (Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC)	2875 St. George Street	
37.	L'Ecole Bilingue Elementary School	1166 West 14th Avenue	
38.	Lord Byng Secondary School	3939 West 16th Avenue	
39.	Lord Kitchener Elementary School	3455 West King Edward Avenue	
40.	Lord Roberts Annex	1150 Nelson Street	
41.	Lord Roberts Elementary School	1100 Bidwell Street	
42.	Lord Selkirk Elementary School	1750 East 22nd Avenue	
43.	Lord Tennyson Elementary School	2650 Maple Street	
44.	Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre	990 West 59th Avenue	Also advance voting place
45.	Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre	7646 Prince Albert Street	
46.	Mount Pleasant Community Centre	1 Kingsway	Also advance voting place
47.	Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	800 East Broadway	
48.	Musqueam Community Centre	6777 Salish Drive	
49.	Prince of Wales Secondary School	2250 Eddington Drive	
50.	Queen Alexandra Elementary School	1300 East Broadway	
51.	Queen Victoria Annex	1850 East 3rd Avenue	
52.	RayCam Co-operative Centre	920 East Hastings Street	Also advance voting place
53.	Redemption Church	3512 West 7th Avenue	
54.	Renfrew Community Elementary School	3315 East 22nd Avenue	
55.	Renfrew Park Community Centre	2929 East 22nd Avenue	Also advance voting place
56.	Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre	181 Roundhouse Mews	Also advance voting place
57.	Scottish Cultural Centre	8886 Hudson Street	
58.	Seaforth Armoury	1650 Burrard Street	
59.	Shaughnessy Elementary School	4250 Marguerite Street	
60.	Simon Fraser Elementary School	100 West 15th Avenue	
61.	Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School	419 East 24th Ave	
62.	Sir John Franklin Community School	250 Skeena Street	
63.	Sir Richard McBride Annex	4750 St. Catherines Street	
64.	Sir William Van Horne Elementary School	5855 Ontario Street	



### **Random order list on ballot**

The official random order list of candidates is available at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote) and in the printed Voters' Guide. This year, there is a number beside each name to help voters remember their candidate better and navigate the list.

The Election Office encourages voters to:

- plan their vote in advance, so they know their preferred candidates
- familiarize themselves with the random order ballot, so they know how to mark the ballot
- consider voting in advance or voting by mail to have more time to vote; advance voting opportunities tend to have shorter line-ups.

### **Vote safely during COVID-19 pandemic**

All current B.C. Provincial Health Orders will be followed.

To prioritize everyone's safety, voters can expect the following precautions at their voting place:

- There will be a one-way entrance for most voting places.
- All election officials will have COVID-19 safety training.
- All election officials will have been vaccinated against COVID-19, consistent with the City of Vancouver policies.
- There will be a limited number of people allowed inside the voting place at the same time.
- Physical distancing will be managed.
- Disposable masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be available for free.
- Physical dividers will be in place.
- Surfaces and pens will be sanitized frequently.

Here are ways voters can help protect themselves, election officials and fellow voters at the voting place:

- Wear a mask that covers mouth and nose.
- Respect everyone's space.
- Stay at home if sick and choose another way to vote.

Remember, all eligible voters may vote by mail instead of voting in person.

### **Media information for advance voting and Election Day**

#### **Requirements for reporters and photographers at voting places**

The Election Office will permit media coverage, with a number of preconditions:

- Media coverage must not interfere with the smooth operation of the voting place.
- Camera operators/reporters must sign a declaration of secrecy upon entering a voting place.
- Electioneering at a voting place, or within 100 metres of a voting place, is strictly forbidden (as is any media coverage of such activity). This means candidates who are voting, with attendant media coverage, must not wear or carry election materials (for example, buttons, shirts, etc.). Also, political commentary must be filmed more than 100m away from a voting place.
- For any interviews, photographs, or recordings of a child, consent must be obtained from the child's parents or guardians.
- Interviews or "scrums" in the voting place are not allowed, including "exit interviews." These must be 100 metres away from the voting place, must not block voter traffic, nor be audible to people who have yet to vote.

- The privacy of individuals in the voting place, and the secrecy of the ballot, should be respected by the media at all times.

## **Frequently asked questions about voting**

### **Can I take a selfie or photograph with my ballot?**

Unfortunately, while we encourage pride in voting and sharing voting experiences through social media, section 125 (3)(b) of the Vancouver Charter states that that no one may reproduce a ballot.

Voters must also protect the privacy of their vote.

### **What happens if someone is still in line to vote at a voting place at 8pm?**

Any voter who arrives at the voting place before 8pm and is still waiting to vote at 8pm will be able to vote.

## Results

### How election results will be shared

Unofficial results will be posted to [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote) after 8 pm on Saturday, October 15.

The City has template files that media can download to understand the expected format for election results. To receive coordinates, please email [media@vancouver.ca](mailto:media@vancouver.ca).

Barring any unforeseen issues, we anticipate the first set of results will be posted by 9 pm, with full unofficial results available around 11 pm or later. Voting places require time to pack up and deliver the ballot counting machines with results to the Chief Election Officer at Vancouver City Hall.

Throughout the election period, the City will post updates on its Twitter account ([twitter.com/CityofVancouver](https://twitter.com/CityofVancouver)) to notify its followers on critical election information and updates for voters. On Election Day, latest updates on results will be posted regularly. Full, in-depth information about the Vancouver Election will be available and regularly updated on [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote).

A news release with the unofficial results will be issued on the evening of October 15. To ensure you are on the City's media list, please subscribe to releases (scroll to the bottom of the page) at <https://vancouver.ca/news-calendar/news.aspx>.

Official results will be declared on October 19 by 4 pm, and an information bulletin will be issued with the final results.

### How election results are counted

While federal and provincial election officials hand-count votes, municipalities use electronic systems to efficiently and effectively tabulate the longer ballot and voting results.

For the 2022 municipal election, Vancouver will use vote tabulators which have undergone meticulous IT and Internal Audit reviews.

### When will the full Open Data set be available?

The election results are available on the City's website, which meets the requirements outlined under the Vancouver Charter and is consistent with best practices for municipalities across the Lower Mainland.

With the City's commitment to open data and digital tools, we will be posting detailed results as an open data set by the end of the year. Anonymous balloting data will be released in January.

### What are the next steps after official results are available?

Between October 19 and 24, 2022 is the time period allotted for judicial recount. Between October 19 and November 18, the public may inspect election materials at the Election Office and may challenge an elected candidate or the validity of the election until 4 pm on November 18.

## **When is the inauguration ceremony for the elected officials?**

The ceremony will take place on Monday, November 7, 2022.

## **Tools for voters**

### **Voter Information Card**

The Voter Information Card is a card sent to all registered voters in late September. Each voter's card contains a barcode that helps speed up the sign-in process when voting. Cards will be bundled for voters residing in the same household with the same last name.

### **Voters' Guide**

All information about how to vote in the election can be found at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote). However, starting on September 29, the printed Voters' Guide will be available in all civic facilities such as community centres, libraries, neighbourhood houses, Vancouver City Hall, and other local community gathering spaces.

Voters' Guides will not be mailed to residents. A PDF copy will also be available at [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote), with most information for voters available in video, audio, and American Sign Language.

Voters' Guides are available in the top 10 languages most used at home in Vancouver as per the 2016 Census:

1. Traditional Chinese
2. Simplified Chinese
3. Tagalog
4. Punjabi
5. Vietnamese
6. Spanish
7. Korean
8. Farsi
9. French
10. Japanese

Most information is translated except for the Capital Plan and the candidate profiles.

Voters' Guides are also available in large print (English).

### **Web page ([vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote))**

The Vancouver Election webpage, [vancouver.ca/vote](https://vancouver.ca/vote), is the central place to find all key information about the 2022 Vancouver Election, for both voters and candidates.

### **Plan Your Vote Tool**

The Plan Your Vote tool will help voters make a voting plan. This tool is available at [vancouver.ca/plan-your-vote](https://vancouver.ca/plan-your-vote). The tool will help voters pick candidates, remember their answers to the Capital Plan borrowing questions, and choose a convenient day and place to vote.

The City does not capture any personal identifiable information via this tool, nor do we capture specific candidate selections in the voting planner tool. Any selections made are cleared at the end of the session. The tool can also be used without entering an email address as voters can save their plan as a PDF and print it.

### **Historical Data**

Historical voting data is available at <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/civic-elections.aspx>

View the 2018 post-election report, including the first post-election survey at <https://council.vancouver.ca/20190515/documents/pspc3.pdf>.

This year, the Vancouver Election Office will once again conduct a post-election survey with a market research organization to help support the 2026 Vancouver Election.