

From: **"Mochrie, Paul"**

To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**

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Subject: Memo to Mayor and Council - Running for Provincial Office

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached is a memo from the City Clerk providing information regarding the legal requirements for local government elected officials running for the Legislative Assembly.

Please contact Katrina Leckovic at Katrina.leckovic@vancouver.ca with any questions.

Best,
Paul

Paul Mochrie (he/him)
City Manager
City of Vancouver



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x m k y m (Musqueam), S wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and s lilw ta (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

June 4, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager
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Francie Connell, Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor, Legal Department

FROM: Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Running for Provincial Office

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 Members of Parliament cannot run for provincial office. More information on eligibility requirements for running for provincial office can be found in [Election BC's How to Apply to be a Provincial 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, any candidate for the Legislative Assembly would still be required to comply with the conflict of interest rules in the [Vancouver Charter](#) and Vancouver's [Code of Conduct](#) policy and the [Code of Conduct By-law](#). Members of Council are restricted from using City-issued equipment and other resources for political purposes, as set out in the following policy: [Technology Acceptable Use Policy](#) (ADMIN-035)

If a member of Council intends to resign from their local government position to run for or sit in the Legislative Assembly, section 142 of the *Vancouver Charter* applies. It reads as follows:

Vancouver Charter excerpt - 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 minister.

As soon as practical after the vacancy occurs, Council must appoint a Chief Election Officer for the by-election. The Chief Election Officer must set a general voting day no later than 80 days after their appointment.

It should be noted that a resignation of a Council member received prior to January 1, 2026, will result in a City of Vancouver by-election. The last Vancouver by-election in 2017 cost the City \$1,535,250. With inflation, it is anticipated that a by-election prior to 2026 would cost the City more than the 2017 by-election. Staff are currently working on a plan for the 2026 election and a by-election, should a vacancy occur.

Should you require additional information, please contact me at katrina.leckovic@vancouver.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katrina'.

Katrina Leckovic
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