
NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to be a non-resident property elector?

If you are the registered owner of property in one municipality or district and you live in another, you have the right to vote both where you live and where you own property.

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

- You are not entitled to register as a resident elector in the city of Vancouver
- You have not registered as a non-resident property elector in relation to any other parcel of property in the city of Vancouver
- You are a Canadian citizen
- You have been a resident in B.C. for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration
- You are age 18 or older, or you will be turning 18 on or before general voting day
- You are not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or are otherwise disqualified by law
- You have been a registered owner of property in Vancouver for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration
- 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
- (If applicable) You 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

Are landed immigrants eligible to vote?

No. You must be a Canadian citizen to vote.

What does “registered owner of real property” mean?

This means whichever of the following is applicable:

- (a) the owner of a registered estate in fee simple of the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraphs (b) to (d);
- (b) the holder of the last registered agreement for sale, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (c) or (d);
- (c) the tenant for life under a registered life interest in the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (d);
- (d) the holder of a registered lease of the property for a term of at least 99 years.

What if the property is registered in my company’s name?

You are not eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector if the property is registered under your company’s name. Additionally, you cannot vote if you hold the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.

What if I own property with someone else?

Only one non-resident property elector is allowed to vote for each property. If multiple individuals own a property, the majority of the owners must designate one owner, in writing, to act as the non-resident property elector for that property. In this case, a completed Consent of Registered Owners for Non-Resident Property Elector registration form must be submitted before registration can occur.

What if I own property with someone else and that person is living on the property?

The person living on the property may qualify as a resident elector because he or she is a resident of Vancouver. As a non-resident property owner, you are also eligible to vote for that property, but you will still need the written consent of the other owner(s).

What if I own more than one piece of property?

You may only vote as a non-resident property elector for one property in any municipality, regional district, or school district, regardless of how many properties you own. In other words, even if you own two properties within the same municipality, you may only vote once. However, if you own property in different municipalities where you are not a resident, you can vote as a non-resident property elector in both jurisdictions, in addition to voting as a resident elector in the jurisdiction where you reside.

How do non-resident property owners register?

You can register in advance by **February 11, 2025**, by submitting the following documentations to the Election Office:

- Fill out the **Application for Registration as a Non-Resident Property Elector**. Ensure your signature is witnessed by another individual who will also sign and provide their residential address.
- If the property has multiple registered owners, submit the **Consent of Registered Owners for Non-Resident Property Elector Registration Form**.
- Provide a photocopy of **proof of property ownership** (e.g., property tax notice, assessment notice, or certificate of title).
- Submit photocopies of **two pieces of identification**: one with your name and signature, and another with your name and address.

You may also register by submitting all required documentation at any voting place during advance voting (March 26 and April 1, 2025) and on general election day (April 5, 2025).

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

No. When you register as a non-resident property elector, your information will not be included in the provincial voters list. However, the City will keep your name on its own voters list.

What does “disqualified from voting” mean?

You may not vote in a British Columbia local government election for several reasons:

- Have been convicted of an indictable offence and are in custody;
- Are involuntarily confined to a psychiatric or other institution as a result of being acquitted of or found not criminally responsible for an offence under the Criminal Code on account of mental disorder; or
- Have been found guilty of an election offence.

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