

Voting 101



Why voting matters

Voting in an election is one of the most important things a citizen can do in their community and country. Voting:

- Strengthens our democracy
- Gives each and every voter a voice in their local government
- Makes us a much stronger community

Voting can take as little as 10 minutes. It's a right we sometimes ignore or take for granted.

Voter eligibility

18 years of age or older

Canadian citizen

Resident of BC for six months

Resident of Vancouver for 30 days or own property registered in your name

If you meet the criteria, registration is easy!

You can register:

Find out how at:
<https://elections.bc.ca/voting/register-to-vote/>

Online

By phone

By mail, fax
or email

In person

Future Voters List

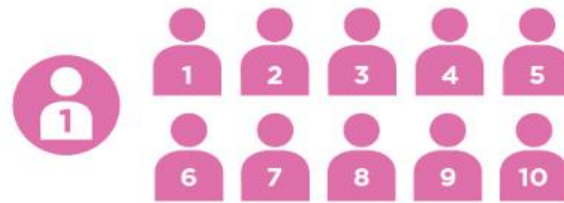
Elections BC maintains a list of eligible 16 and 17-year-olds who will be automatically added to the Provincial Voters List when they turn 18. This will make it easier for young voters to receive information about voting from Elections BC, and will speed up the voting process for everyone. To register as a future voter, you must be:

- 16 or 17 years old,
- a Canadian citizen, and
- a B.C. resident

You can register as a future voter:

- [Online](#)
- by phone at 1-800-661-8683
- by mail, fax or email by sending us [this form](#)
- in person at the Elections BC office at #100 – 1112 Fort St, Victoria, BC, V8V 3K8

Your elected officials

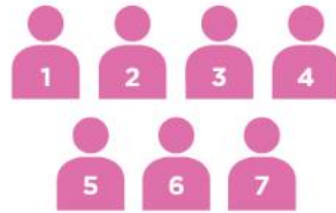


1 Mayor + 10 Councillors

Serve “at large”, as opposed to a particular geographic area (or ward, as in other cities)

- Determine priorities
- Approve budgets and major spending – the 2018 operating budget for the City is 1.4 Billion
- Set property taxes
- Establish policy and approve bylaws
- Approve grants
- Meet with residents and hold public council meetings

Your elected officials



7 Park Board commissioners

Responsible for managing parks and recreation facilities including:

- Over 200 parks in the City
- 24 community centres
- Only elected park board in Canada

Your elected officials



9 School Board trustees

Independent of City Council

Oversees education services, as well as financial and legal matters in the Vancouver school district

92 elementary and 18 secondary schools; and adult education classes

Marking your ballot

How many candidates do I vote for?

You must **not** vote for more candidates in each race than the number to be elected. But you can make fewer choices if you wish, including voting for no one in a race.

Names listed in random order

Candidate names will be listed in random order on the ballot in 2018, **NOT** alphabetical order

Voter ID

All voters must prove their identity and residential address before voting. There are three ways to do this.

Option 1

Show **one** of these pieces of ID:

- A BC driver's licence
- A BC Identification Card (BCID)
- A BC Services Card (with photo)
- Another card issued by the Government of B.C. or Canada that shows your name, photo and address
- A Certificate of Indian Status

Option 2

Show any **two** pieces of ID or documents that both show your name. At least one must have your current address.

Option 3

Voters who don't have identification can have their identity vouched for by another person.

For more information go to: <https://elections.bc.ca/voting/what-you-need-to-vote/voter-id/>

Voter assistance



- Vote by mail
- ImageCast assistive device
- Curbside voting
- Language interpretation

Special voting opportunities

Mobile voting opportunities to assist people experiencing physical or mental disabilities, or other socioeconomic barriers to voting

Available at:

- Emergency shelters
- Social service drop-in centres
- Hospitals & care facilities

Next Vancouver city election: Fall 2022

Find out more at:

<https://vancouver.ca/your-government/2022-election.aspx>



Learn about the election

Register to vote

Vote by mail &
NRPE
applications

vancouver.ca/vote

Voting dates &
locations

Plan Your Vote