

District of Saanich

**General
Local Election | 2018**

Candidate Profile Guide



Introduction

The purpose of the candidate profile guide is to assist voters in finding information about Saanich's candidates for the 2018 general local election.

All candidates for Mayor and Councillor positions were given the opportunity to submit a candidate profile of 150 words or less to introduce themselves and their platforms to voters.

The view and opinions expressed in the profiles are those of the candidates and do not reflect the position of the District of Saanich.

The profiles have not been edited in any way.

The profiles are in alphabetical order.



Mayoral candidate

Richard Atwell (United for Saanich)

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Education:

- University of Victoria, B.Sc in Computer Science

Community Work:

- Falaise Community Association (Past Director)
- Sewage Treatment Action Group (Past Director)

Elected 2014:

- Mayor of Saanich
- Chair, Saanich Police Board
- Director, Capital Regional District
- Commissioner, Victoria Regional Transit Commission

Four Guiding Principles:

- To be respectful of residents,
- To strive for innovative solutions,

- To bring about progress in a taxpayer friendly manner, and
- To protect agriculture, the environment and enhance the natural beauty of Saanich.

Leadership:

Mayor Atwell's vision is for Saanich to become the most cost effective, efficient and leading municipality on Vancouver Island.

Commitment:

"Saanich has been my home for twenty-one years and I am very passionate about our future. I am absolutely committed to working with citizens and other organizations to help make Saanich the best place to live where we can enjoy the highest quality of life and leave behind a genuine legacy for future generations."



Mayoral candidate

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 Fred Haynes for
Mayor of Saanich



“I believe that being Mayor is about providing leadership, in consultation with all your elected councillors. It means listening effectively to residents and actively addressing community needs. It requires working with Provincial and Federal governments on your behalf to get great things done for Saanich.”

Fred is an independent, remarkably effective first term councillor with decades of community service. A business owner with a Ph.D. in diabetes, he takes an evidence-based approach to policy. Together with Cathy, his wife, he has 3 college age sons, who motivate him to create a vibrant future for all.

In his first term Fred delivered outstanding results by working as a collaborative problem solver. He successfully championed initiatives on housing, economy, diversity, community safety, environment, and solved the long standing Gordon Head cattle feedlot problem.

Guiding principles: Fiscal responsibility;
Environmentally responsible housing;
Protecting rural Saanich and our natural areas;
Support local businesses; Working together.



Mayoral candidate

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 Rob Wickson



Rob Wickson is an economist and small business owner. He has lived in Saanich's Gorge Tillicum neighbourhood for 30 years. In that time, he's volunteered with a number of community and planning organizations focussed on making the community stronger. These include:

President of the Gorge Tillicum Community Association, 2008-2017, currently past president.

Founding member of the Gorge Canada Day Picnic Organizing Committee, 1999 - 2018.

Member of the Project Advisory Committee for the Uptown/Douglas Corridor Plan - current.
Member of the Saanich Active Transportation Planning Committee - current.
Expert witness in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Director of the Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society.

President, Bike to Work Week Victoria (2005 to 2012)

Chair of the BC Chamber of Commerce, 2006.

President of Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, 2000.



Councillor candidate

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I grew up here, my wife and I want our daughter to grow up here too. Becoming a father made me want to ensure Saanich continues to be a green, sustainable and vibrant community for future generations. The following are the main reasons I am running this Fall:

I believe housing to be a fundamental human right; we all deserve a safe place to call home
I believe in a balanced approach to development
I believe in better support for the growing senior population
I believe we need to create incentives to support local farms and increase food production



Councillor candidate

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Trevor moved here in 2007, and since then has chosen Saanich to raise his #millennial young family.

When he's not cycling to work, squash, volleyball, Best Coast Big Band, #NorthQuadra community association or Saanich citizen advisory meetings, he's chauffeuring family around for soccer, dance, scouts, swimming, fairs, festivals or volunteering.

He's often spotted walking his shiba inu #doge and/or preschoolers to one of our beautiful Saanich Parks.

A chemist and historian by education, Trevor is a committed lifelong learner, and graduate of SFU City Program (studied urbanism,

infrastructure asset management, sustainable transportation systems and land-use policies under Gordon Price). He also values entrepreneurs, having grown up in a small business family.

Working for the Province, Trevor understands the relationship between different levels of government, has policy expertise in areas of climate and energy - especially buildings, industry and vehicles - and passionate about economically-efficient ideas for a sustainable future.



Councillor and CRD candidate

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I am seeking re-election and am confident that if successful I bring a background and experience (web-site susanbrice.ca) that will enable me to work with mayor and fellow councillors to make sound decisions in the interests of the Saanich taxpayer's ability to pay.

I will be a knowledgeable contributor as council develops a framework for Saanich's environmental policies that include climate adaptation, biodiversity, improved EDPA and conservation strategy.

I make a commitment to dealing with housing affordability and remain open to creative solutions that respect existing neighbourhoods.

I support a balanced transportation network and stand on my record of strengthening public transit and building infrastructure to support multi-model transportation.

I will continue to invest in sustainable infrastructure and facilities replacement.

I respect and support collaborative decision making amongst council and the public and would be honoured to serve for another term on Saanich Council.



Councillor and CRD candidate

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Invest in housing that is attainable near services and transit

Environmental Conservation Strategy
Review shared responsibility of at risk biodiversity areas
Are there environmental incentives Saanich needs?
Education for protection of at risk environments
By 2050 Saanich will be a 100% Renewable Energy Community

Invest in Elk Beaver Lake to reduce weed growth & algae blooms
Regional Trail designs for slower-faster users in congested areas

Collaborate with sporting groups and Sports Tourism Commission

Grow our local economy in our Centres, Villages and Corridors
Create people places with pocket parks in higher density areas

As your Saanich Councillor and CRD Director I will work to:
Connect our communities
Conserve our natural environment
Build our Economy
Meet housing needs

I am an informed and experienced voice, at Saanich Council and CRD, always open to new ideas and opportunities. I ask for your vote on October 20.



Councillor candidate

Kathleen Burton (United for Saanich)

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I'm passionate about contributing to the community I live, work and play in. I believe nurturing relationships strengthens community.

My varied career has helped me develop a clear understanding of Saanich's complex business community.

- Executive Director, Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary
- Community Engagement Volunteer, Saanich Police
- Community Producer/Reporter, Shaw TV
- PAST Director, Victoria Chamber of Commerce, Victoria & Esquimalt Harbour Authority & Tourism Victoria

I'll offer leadership on environmental protection in Saanich, working with homeowners and the community to develop policies protecting truly environmentally sensitive areas in a responsible, considerate way.

I'll bring a voice of reason to council where homelessness is concerned, developing forward thinking solutions to this important and complex issue.

I'll offer a community perspective and will work closely with you to find solutions to the issues we face in Saanich. I pledge to listen to your interests and concerns when making decisions about your community.



Councillor candidate

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Protect What You Love:
People, Planet and Place

My name is Nathalie Chambers, I am grateful to live in Saanich in the fertile lands of the Straits Salish, First Nations. I have a long track record of being a steward (birds, bees, frogs, srkw, GORT) in this municipality, and I am honoured to put my name forward in the 2018 municipal elections. I am a Restoration Ecologist, author, and educator and will look forward to the opportunity to guide land use and future development in Saanich.

My husband David and I are farmers at Madrona Farm, an award winning business on Blenkinsop where we grow 106 varieties of vegetables to approximately 4000 customers, 12 months a year. I care very much about health: the environment, sustainability, affordability/ housing, safe liveable roads, tax reform and cost effective governance. Protecting the remaining greenspace, farmland and watersheds is important to me.



Councillor candidate

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I love Saanich. I grew up here, I went to school here, and my dreams took flight in this incredible community.

It'd be an honour to serve the community I cherish so much as a Councillor.

My soul relishes the notion that Saanich can once again become an affordable place for young people to thrive and for families to settle down. I'm committed to delivering results on affordable housing, better transportation options, protecting our environment and

defending our farms and parks. I'll champion social, environmental, and economic sustainability. The people of Saanich are at the heart of my platform.

I graduated from the University of Victoria in 2017 with a double major in political science and geography. I concentrated in political economy, urban development, and sustainability, and my spare time was spent getting young people involved in politics. My educational background, activism, and passion has set me up for success.



Councillor candidate

Karen Harper (United for Saanich)

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Karen Harper is a dedicated community and business leader, a long-time Saanich resident and Saanich's newest councillor, having won her seat in the 2017 municipal by-election.

She brings over 35 years of experience in helping organizations become accountable, efficient, responsible and respectful.

Karen's career – teacher, manager of a provincial long-term disability plan, trustee of the Teacher's Pension Plan, Senior Vice-President of the BC Pension Corporation – was based on critical thinking, collaboration and leadership in creating positive and necessary changes.

Education:
Masters of Education,
University of Victoria, 1978
B.A., Faculty of Arts,
Simon Fraser University, 1971
Teaching Certificate,
Simon Fraser University, 1971

Community Organizations:
Former Treasurer,
Camosun Community Association
Former Director,
Grumpy Taxpayer\$ of Greater Victoria
Former Director, Amalgamation Yes



Councillor and CRD candidate

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My professional background is in communication. I've worked as a political reporter, Press Secretary to the Premier, Communications Director, radio host (CKNW, CFAX), conference organizer, and podcaster.

In all of my endeavours, my goal is to uncover the truth, bring information to light, and be a voice for those people or ideas that aren't always at the forefront. This isn't always easy, but I feel we have to question what we're told and examine if there is a better way forward.

This will undoubtedly be valuable in getting to the heart of issues that matter to Saanich residents.

With your support, I'll ensure you have a voice at the Council table. It's time for fair representation, honest communication, and accountability.

I'm excited about what the possibilities will be for Saanich when we work positively together to make things happen.



Councillor candidate

Vernon Lord

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A bit about me and my reasons for running; I live on Townley Street across from Allenby Park with my wife of 30 years and two of our four children. We moved to Saanich approximately 14 months ago from Portland, Oregon which was a move from London, Ontario. I am currently employed full time with SNC-Lavalin, Senior Electrical Technologist.

The main driving force behind my running in this election is the current councils handling of the Regina Park issue. I feel that the

issue of homelessness is the largest issue facing Saanich and has the potential of dwarfing all other issues in terms of cost and time investment. I will always speak for the residents and taxpayers of Saanich in developing a sustainable, long term, fair model for moving forward on this most important issue. A model which is fair for both Saanich residents and persons in need.



Councillor and CRD candidate

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I want a diversity of people — young families, students and seniors on fixed incomes — to continue have a future in Saanich. We should all have the option to live, work, play, and walk around safely in our neighbourhoods. To achieve this, we need more housing and commercial amenities in our urban corridors, and more leadership to address local and regional traffic congestion.

I work with local governments professionally, helping them with financial sustainability and long-term planning for water services.

My background in science and public administration, combined with extensive service on community boards has equipped me with collaborative and essential skills for the job.

The values that guide me are fairness, accountability, and perseverance. I want your vision for Saanich to be reflected in our communities — in the interactions and services you experience every day. We should all feel a sense of pride in this beautiful place we call home.



Councillor and CRD candidate

Cory Montgomery (United for Saanich)

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In my experience as a business owner and operator, we all win when the public and private sector work well together. If elected to Saanich Council, I will support small business and encourage innovative solutions to address housing and transportation issues.

With your vote, I will work to ensure that Saanich is the best place for families, students and retirees to live. I'll focus on community building by supporting parks and recreation and initiatives that make our community healthier and more livable.

President, CBM Consulting
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Councillor and CRD candidate

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I'm running for Saanich Council so I can bring a needed perspective to address the concerns of those residents who don't normally have a voice at the table – the young families who can't afford to purchase their own homes in Saanich; pensioners on fixed incomes who cannot keep up with the increased property taxes; homebuilders and businesses who need Saanich to work more efficiently so we can create sustainable growth, protect the environment and provide the amenities needed to build a community that can be enjoyed by all.

- Chair of the **Saanich Community Association Network**
- Co-founder/manager of the **Saanich Sunday Farmers' Market**
- Former Vice President of the **Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association**
- Former Member of the **Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre Community Advisory Board**
- Volunteer at the **Music in the Park** series in Saanich
- Volunteer at the **Playfair Park Picnics**
- Volunteer at the **Cadboro Beach Clean Up**



Councillor candidate

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I am an experienced researcher, energetic debate coach, and innovative policy-maker dedicated to nurturing community and sustainability. As an active volunteer on the board of the Greater Victoria Placemaking Network I have helped to set up dozens of little free libraries around the region.

Through my consultancy, I conduct issue research for environmental groups. I hold a PhD in politics and international studies from the University of Cambridge. My work on policy spans many levels, from here in Saanich, all the way to the UN.

My vision for Saanich is one where we build complete communities. Where our streets are safe for everyone, regardless of how they get around, and where sustainability imbues everything we do. I want to be part of a council that harnesses the wisdom of the community, that has the courage to try new things, and is proactive in tackling the problems that face Saanich.



Councillor and CRD candidate

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 Colin Plant 2018



First of all: thank you, Saanich. In 2014, voters put their trust in me to be a new voice on Council. I was humbled by your support and I'm asking for it again because there is still more important work to be done.

Please visit my website or connect with me on social media to see why I am seeking re-election and to learn about some of the initiatives I support.

This past term I have always made the effort to work with all my colleagues for your best interests— remaining open-minded and always

working towards solutions. I understand I am part of a team of elected officials tasked with working together for the betterment of Saanich.

I enter 2018 an experienced Councillor. With four vacant seats I am in a unique position to bring leadership, stability and mentorship to Saanich and the future.

Please vote Colin Plant.



Councillor and CRD candidate

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Recently retired after 32 years with BC Ferries, Art Pollard offers 40 years of community service in Saanich and the greater Victoria area. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts from University of Victoria in Political Science, certificates in Conference management, Public relations and Volunteer Management.

- 4. Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association- Area director 7 years
- 5. Victoria Commonwealth Games Society – Media Relations officer, Volunteer.
- 6. University of Victoria Alumni Association- Vice president
- 7. First Canadian Toastmaster’s – President 1994/1995 - 14 years

He has served on various leadership positions representing the public.

Art has also volunteered for such nonprofits as Special Olympics, Victoria Volunteer Bureau, and Project Literacy.

Examples include the following:

- 1. Saanich Civic event and Centennial Committees- 5 years
- 2. Cedar Hill Golf committee-10 years
- 3. Saanich Block Watch-Area Coordinator –largest area in Saanich 64 Blocks. 17 years

He hopes to make a difference as your independent voice in Saanich.



Councillor and CRD candidate

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Rishi Sharma has been working in the public service sector for close to 20 years, most recently with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training as Director of Corporate Services, Intergovernmental and Indigenous relations. Rishi was employed at the ministerial level as Chief of Staff to a number of provincial ministers and worked issues management in the Office of the Premier. He also spent three years serving as communications professional in the BC

government's Public Affairs Bureau. As a long-time resident of the District of Saanich (over 40 years), a Director on the Gordon Head Residents Association, a member of the local advocacy group Fix Ash Road Now and father of three young daughters, Rishi is looking to for an opportunity to use his experience to help build a better Saanich through cooperation with the public, councillors and municipal staff.



Councillor and CRD candidate

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“I love Saanich, the community I’ve grown up in. I want to protect our beautiful neighbourhoods and natural environment for both my lifetime and future generations. If elected, I’ll also focus on bringing council together to create real affordable housing, improve transportation options, and respect your tax dollars. I’ll take a visionary approach that works now and for the future of our

community. I’m offering an entirely new perspective, and I’m ready to be on Saanich council. My work with community associations, advisory committees and on park projects has helped me grasp an understanding of the issues. On October 20th I’m asking for your vote so I can start addressing the issues facing our community.”



It's time for you, Saanich voters, to decide....

The District of Saanich and the City of Victoria Councils will be asking electors if they wish to establish a Citizens' Assembly to explore the costs, benefits and disadvantages of amalgamation between the two municipalities. This non-binding community opinion question will be asked at the upcoming General Local Election being held on October 20, 2018.

Ballot question approved by Council:

“Are you in favour of spending up to \$250,000 for establishing a Citizens' Assembly to explore the costs, benefits and disadvantages of the amalgamation between the District of Saanich and the City of Victoria?”

What is a Citizens' Assembly and what will it look like?

The Citizens' Assembly will be a group of residents randomly selected from both the District of Saanich and the City of Victoria that will provide residents with an opportunity to evaluate the case for or against amalgamating the District of Saanich and the City of Victoria. The Assembly will be an arms-length group that will be commissioned by the newly elected Councils of both municipalities.

The scope of the Citizens' Assembly mandate has not yet been defined and would not be established until the District of Saanich has heard from its electors. The community opinion question on the ballot of the upcoming General Local Election will give Council an indication of the community's interest in pursuing the establishment of a Citizens' Assembly. This is your chance to provide your opinion on the path the District of Saanich should take.

What is the cost of the Citizens' Assembly?

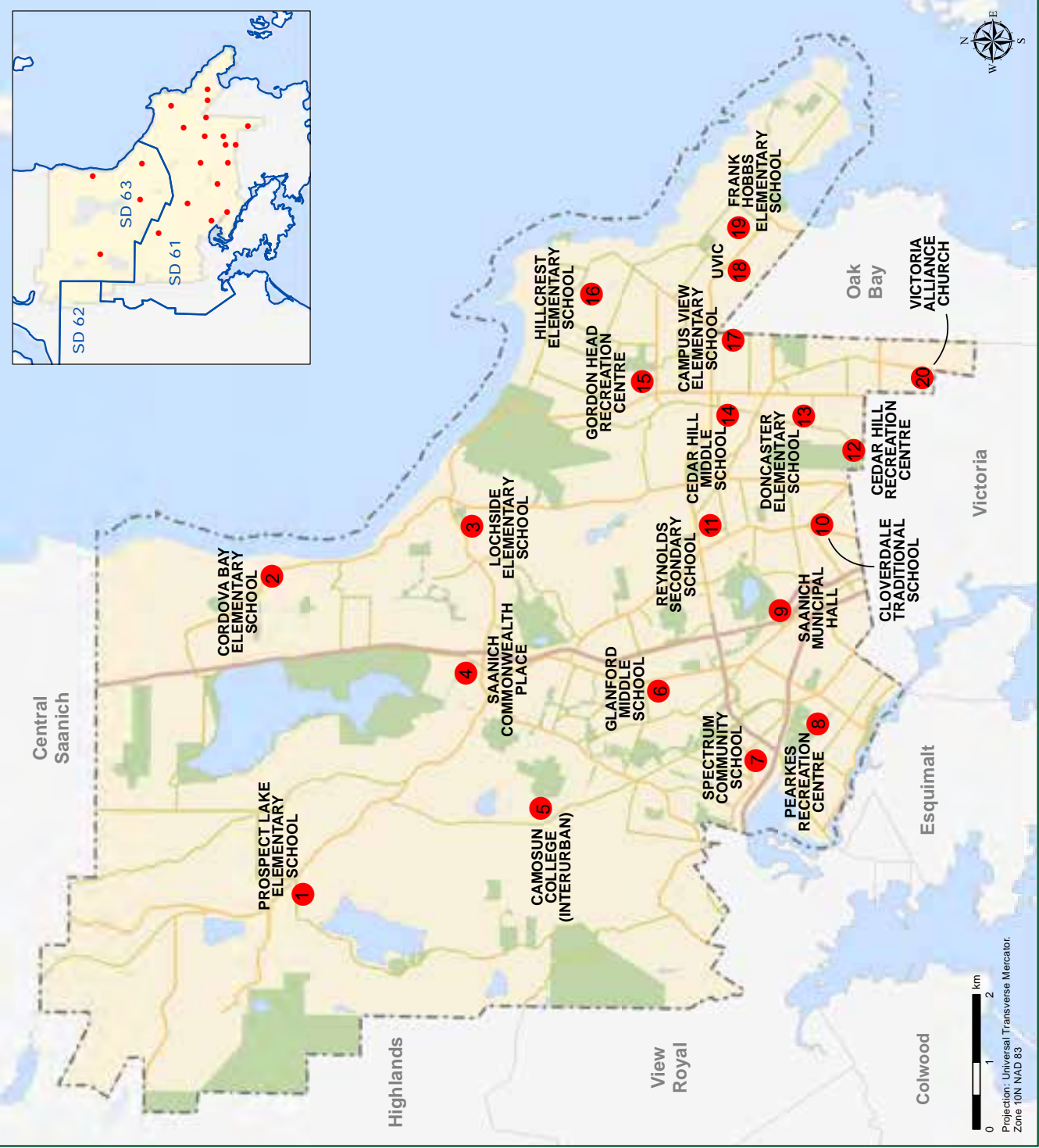
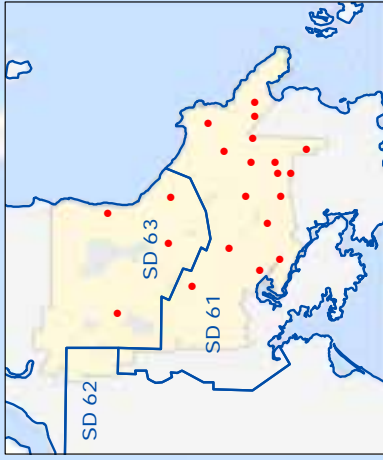
Early costs are being forecasted at approximately \$750,000 in total for a Citizens' Assembly. The District of Saanich would be responsible for one third (1/3) of the costs; up to \$250,000. The Province of British Columbia is being asked to pay for one third (1/3) of the costs with the City of Victoria also seeking a commitment from their electors for up to \$250,000.

No money will be spent on the establishment of a Citizens' Assembly until the District of Saanich Council has heard from the voters.

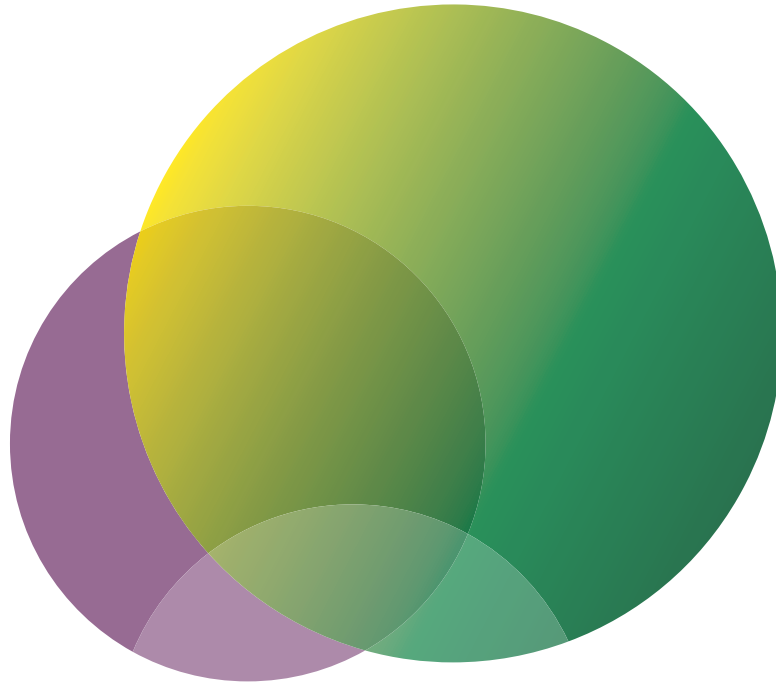


2018 Election Polling Stations

- 1 Prospect Lake Elementary School
321 Prospect Lake Road
- 2 Cordova Bay Elementary School
5238 Cordova Bay Road
- 3 Lochside Elementary School
1145 Royal Oak Drive
- 4 Saanich Commonwealth Place
4636 Elk Lake Drive
- 5 Camosun College (Interurban)
4461 Interurban Road
- 6 Glanford Middle School
4140 Glanford Avenue
- 7 Spectrum Community School
957 Burnside Rd. West (3751 Grange Rd)
- 8 G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre
3100 Tillicum Road
- 9 Saanich Municipal Hall
770 Vernon Avenue
- 10 Cloverdale Traditional School
3427 Quadra Street
- 11 Reynolds Secondary School
3963 Borden Street
- 12 Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road
- 13 Doncaster Elementary School
1525 Rowan Street
- 14 Cedar Hill Middle School
3910 Cedar Hill Road
- 15 Gordon Head Recreation Centre
4100 Lambhick Park Way
- 16 Hillcrest Elementary School
4421 Greentree Terrace
- 17 Campus View Elementary School
3900 Gordon Head Road
- 18 UVIC Student Union Building
3800 Finnerly Road
- 19 Frank Hobbs Elementary School
3875 Harro Road
- 20 Victoria Alliance Church
1792 Townley Street



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