#### THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

# 2022 GENERAL LOCAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS Saturday, October 15, 2022

#### ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Are you eligible to vote in the 2022 General Local and School Board Elections? Is your name on the current list of electors?

To find out if you are on the list contact the District of Saanich Legislative Services Division at Saanich Municipal Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 770 Vernon Avenue, telephone 250-475-5501, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays). As well, this information may be looked up on the District's website at <a href="mailto:saanich.ca/elections">saanich.ca/elections</a>. You can also contact Elections BC at <a href="mailto:elections.bc.ca">elections.bc.ca</a> to see if you are on the list of electors.

Advance elector registration will be accepted by Elections BC and at the Legislative Services Division until Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Elector registration will not be accepted from August 24, 2022, to October 4, 2022, but will be accepted at voting locations on voting days.

### **ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS**

## Resident Electors:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election (October 15, 2022); and
- a Canadian citizen: and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a resident of the District of Saanich; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

#### Non-Resident Property Electors:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election (October 15, 2022); and
- · a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the District of Saanich for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- the only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law; and
- if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

#### VOTER REGISTRATION

Resident Electors and Non-Resident Property Electors who are not on the list of registered electors and who have not registered in advance may register on voting days.

Resident Electors must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove both residency and identity.

**Non-Resident Property Electors** must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, proof they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, written consent from the other property owners. **This consent must be provided at time of registration.** (Consent forms are available through the Legislative Services Division.

The following are examples of acceptable identification: BC Driver's Licence, BC Identification Card, BC Care Card, utility bill (water, electrical gas), Social Insurance Card, Citizenship Card, Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence, Property Taxation Notice, Credit Card or Debit Card issued by a bank.

# LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning August 30, 2022, until the close of general voting on October 15, 2022, a copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection, at the Legislative Services Division, Saanich Municipal Hall, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays).

Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect, make copies or use the information included in the list except for the purposes of Part 3 – Electors and Elections of the *Local Government Act*.

## REQUEST TO OMIT OR OBSCURE

An elector may request that their address or other personal information be omitted from or obscured on the list of electors. The elector must contact the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Election Officer to make this request.

# **OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR**

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the *Local Government Act* until 4:00 pm on Friday, September 9, 2022. An objection must be in writing and may only be made by a registered elector in the District of Saanich and only on the basis that a person whose name appears on the list of electors has died or is not qualified to register as an elector of the municipality.

# **VOTE BY MAIL**

All qualified electors may vote by mail ballot. Application forms are available at the Municipal Hall and at <u>saanich.ca/elections</u> and must be returned prior to October 15, 2022. Mail ballot packages will be sent out commencing on or about September 30, 2022. To be counted, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

For further information on these matters, please contact the following:

Angila Bains, Chief Election Officer Janice Schmidt, Deputy Chief Election Officer

Phone: 250-475-5501 Email: <u>elections@saanich.ca</u>

