



DISTRICT OF SAANICH

General Local Election

Candidate Profile Guide

2026

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Introduction

The purpose of the candidate profile guide is to assist voters in finding information about Saanich's candidates for the 2026 general local election.

All candidates for the offices of Mayor and Councillor 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.

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Zac de Vries

Zac de Vries is a lifelong Saanich resident and two-term Saanich Councillor running for Mayor of Saanich. He brings eight years of local and regional government experience, energy, new ideas, and a record of delivering practical results.

Zac serves as a Director at the Capital Regional District (CRD), working with neighbouring communities on issues like housing, transportation, regional planning and water. He is also Chair of the Capital Region Housing Corporation, guiding efforts to expand affordable rental housing in Saanich and across the region.

Outside of local government, Zac works full-time at the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food as the Sector Specialist supporting B.C.'s food and beverage processing sector and food security across the province.

Zac and his wife are raising their young daughter in Saanich and are committed to building a strong, affordable, sustainable, and livable community for all of us, and for generations to come.

Mayoral candidate



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Karen Harper

I've spent my career improving public organizations through leadership in innovation, accountability and service. I dedicated the last ten years of my working life to creating and managing an effective, efficient and accountable service based crown corporation.

My experience and dedication demonstrates what can be accomplished in the public sector when there is a willingness to look at things differently. It is that experience that has led me to run for mayor after nine years on council.

I will use this experience to work collaboratively with the public, businesses, staff and council to improve service delivery and costs. We need to focus on what we do control and make it as efficient and simple as possible, so that residents and businesses can afford to come to Saanich, stay and thrive.

For more detail on the specifics of my platform please check out karenforsaanich.ca.

Thanks for your support.

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Rishi Sharma

Rishi Sharma born in Port Alberni has proudly called Saanich home for 47 years. He and his wife Amy are raising their three daughters our community.

Rishi brings nearly three decades of public, private and non-profit experience, including senior B.C. public service and legislative roles. As a provincial Director, he helped lead pan-Canadian work on labour markets, post-secondary education and employment opportunities for Canadian Armed Forces spouses.

Today, Rishi is Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships with the Construction Foundation of BC and a leadership instructor with UVic Continuing Studies.

Rishi has served as a Director of the Gordon Head Residents Association and volunteers on a Saanich committee focused on accessibility.

He holds a Master of Arts in Leadership from Royal Roads University, where his research explored how difficult conversations can build relationships and trust.

Rishi is running with Save Our Saanich.

Mayoral candidate



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Robin Morton Stanbridge

As your Mayor, I will do all in my power to:

1. Remove all the cement bike lane separators and restore speed limits
2. Make Blanshard a freeway
3. Turn bus lanes into 2+ HOV lanes
4. Make Mackenzie (from Pat Bay Hwy to HWY1) a lightless freeway connector
5. Designate all persons of European descent "First Nation", entitled to land claims and exempt from property taxes, gas taxes etc
6. Oppose municipal amalgamation until we have CRD-wide police-force- amalgamation. S23(1) Police Act: seven board members are assigned by the NDP vs 2 from any single municipality. These NDP-dominated Boards assign the "priorities, goals and objectives of policing". By combining police forces of all municipalities, we crush the NDP at a ratio of 26 to 7.
7. Relax height restrictions on single family dwellings whose lots have a mature forest canopy.
8. Stop the deforestation of Fairy Creek

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Colette Baty

Colette Baty has called Saanich home for 27 years. She has extensive experience leading community and arts organizations through change, building consensus and making responsible financial decisions.

Colette is President of Dance Victoria. She previously served as President of the Victoria Arts Council, Vancouver Island School of Art, and Chair of the Cadboro Bay Residents Association.

Earlier in her career, Colette worked as a nurse in demanding areas of hospital care, including intensive care, cardiac care and bone marrow transplant. She also worked on a respiratory ward during the AIDS epidemic, caring for patients when the disease was poorly understood and deeply stigmatized.

Colette believes Saanich needs more housing and must evolve to meet changing needs, while neighbourhoods deserve a meaningful voice in shaping that change. Her priorities include responsible municipal finances, a stronger local economy, more housing choice and balanced transportation investments that work for everyone.

Councillor candidate



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Erin Elizabeth Booth

Erin Elizabeth Booth is a CPA and longtime Saanich resident with experience in municipal and non-profit finance, governance, and public accountability. She spent six years working for the District of Saanich, giving her firsthand knowledge of municipal budgets, capital planning, and the financial pressures facing local taxpayers.

Erin is running for Council to bring a practical, financially responsible, and independent voice to the table. She believes Saanich needs transparent decision-making, responsible spending, thoughtful infrastructure planning, and a stronger focus on housing affordability.

With two high schoolers growing up in the community, Erin is deeply invested in Saanich's future. She wants to help build a municipality where young people and families can afford to stay, housing choices reflect residents' needs, and growth is managed responsibly while protecting what makes Saanich a great place to live.

Councillor candidate



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Susan Brice

Susan Brice is a fourth generation Victorian, mother and grandmother. After attending UVic she taught elementary school. And after having children, was elected as a school trustee and Board Chair. She then served as Councilor and Mayor in the District of Oak Bay.

Then she spent time as a Talk Show Host on CFX radio, and then as Executive Director of the Better Business Bureau.

In 2001 she was elected as MLA for Saanich South, and served Saanich residents, and was appointed to Cabinet. The Provincial seat gave her an opportunity play a role in developing public policy including economic, environment and social issues.

From 2005 until present, Susan has served on Saanich Council and CRD. She has chaired the Finance & Governance Committee and served as Chair of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission. Currently she is Vice Chair of the Victoria Regional Harbour Authority.

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Judy Brownoff

I am Judy Brownoff a current Saanich Councillor and a CRD Director. As your councillor, I'm focussed on making sure Saanich remains financially responsible, environmentally responsible, and prepared for the future.

That means investing in the infrastructure we depend on every day, strengthening our resilience to climate change impacts, and planning carefully for a growing community where residents feel supported at every stage of life.

Balanced Leadership

- ✓ Transparent Governance
- ✓ Accessibility
- ✓ Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Healthy Community

- ✓ Housing and Parks
- ✓ Climate Change resilient
- ✓ Sustainable and Vibrant Economy

Protecting our Future

- ✓ Invest in Infrastructure we depend on
- ✓ Enhance our Environment & Assets for the future
- ✓ Distribute Parks fairly throughout Saanich

I would be honoured to have your vote to re-elect me on Oct 17, 2026.

Councillor candidate



Kathleen Burton

My name is Kathleen Burton and I'm running for Saanich Council and the CRD as an independent candidate who wants to strengthen Saanich and protect what makes it special.

Saanich is growing, and its infrastructure needs to grow with it. My priorities include liveable neighbourhoods, responsible growth and environmental stewardship, and listening to the community.

Let's work together to:

- create safe, affordable, welcoming communities.
- protect what residents love, while planning responsibly for growth

You deserve accessible, responsive local leadership. Saanich needs clear priorities, long term planning and accountability for how your tax dollars are invested.

I am committed to housing affordability, environmental stewardship, supporting local businesses and building strong partnerships with neighbouring municipalities and community organizations.

Good governance starts with listening. I'll bring a collaborative, practical approach to Council: listening to residents, asking tough questions, respecting different perspectives and making evidence-based decisions.

Listening first. Planning together. Building Saanich's Future.

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Councillor candidate



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Don Cameron

I'm married to Su. We have 3 married children and 7 grandchildren. I'm 4th Generation Victorian and retired after 50 years in heavy civil and municipal infrastructure construction, estimating and project management.

I have lived in Saanich for over 40 years and was involved in the community as youth soccer and baseball coach for 15 consecutive years. I have extensive board experience with BC Aggregate Producers, Victoria Harbour Divestiture Committee, creating the GVHA, Island Equipment Owners Association as President and Vancouver Island Construction Association as board chair.

After a successful career, I am ready to give back to the community where we raised our family. My extensive experience in civil construction, project management, board service and a lifelong connection to Saanich and the Capital Regional District, I believe I am well qualified to represent the citizens of Saanich. Thank you for your consideration.

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Nathalie Chambers

Proven Record

Nathalie Chambers is your Independent, 100% not developer-funded voice for a sustainable Saanich.

A businesswoman, organic farmer, published author and two-term Saanich councillor, she is running for a third term and election to the CRD. She has a proven record of protecting people, planet and place over profit. Her experience deeply resonates with Saanich's Core Vision: a sustainable community where a healthy natural environment is paramount for ensuring social well-being and economic vibrancy.

She and her husband, David Chambers, operate Madrona Farm in the Blenkinsop Valley, a year-round organic farm serving Greater Victoria families. Her background is the land trust movement, major-gift fundraising and community organization. She helped the community raise \$10 million for the Saanich Greenbelt that includes Madrona Farm in perpetuity with TLC.

Relationships with Indigenous communities continue to deepen her understanding of Saanich's sacred ecology. She holds a Diploma in Restoration Ecology from UVic.

Councillor candidate



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Mauricio Curbelo

I am a civil engineer building a life in Saanich. Growing up in an immigrant family that relied on rental apartments, and now restoring a 130-year-old heritage home, I understand the balance needed to ensure affordability at every stage of life while preserving our community's character.

I'm running because Council needs more representation from people actively working full-time, paying a mortgage at today's prices, and living our economic realities firsthand. Through past experience on the Gorge Tillicum Community Association and Saanich Heritage Foundation, I know how Saanich works and am ready to start delivering results on Day One.

My priorities:

- End taxation without implementation by refocusing budgets on core services, not more plans and "strategies"
- Fast-track family homes with 10-day permits for pre-approved designs selected with public input
- Improve road safety by fixing our top 20 crash zones
- Restore fair, consumption-based water billing

Councillor candidate



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Alli Deelstra

I'm Alli Deelstra, a lifelong Saanich resident, mother of two children, and a candidate for Saanich Council and CRD Director. I'm running because I want to serve the community that raised me and that my family continues to call home.

My background in accounting, board governance and volunteering has taught me to ask questions, listen, scrutinize the details and consider the long-term impact of decisions. I believe Saanich needs pragmatic leadership that respects taxpayers, supports families and seniors, protects our natural environment, and plans responsibly for growth.

As Councillor, I would bring a community-first approach focused on taxes, responsible spending and public safety. I want residents to feel confident their municipality is listening and delivering value.

I would be honoured to earn your support and represent you.

My guiding principle is: Govern well today so the next generation inherits a strong, affordable, well-managed Saanich they are proud to call home.

Councillor candidate



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Lorne DeLarge

Lifelong Saanich resident Lorne DeLarge is running for Council with the Save Our Saanich team to bring practical, accountable leadership to Municipal Hall.

A former provincial government and business executive, Lorne has extensive experience managing complex operations, budgets, real estate, and leading large teams. He holds an MBA, a degree in Economics and Political Science, and the Chartered Investment Manager (CIM) designation.

Lorne will focus on:

- **Fiscal Discipline:** Holding the line on taxes by reviewing internal spending, prioritizing core services, and ensuring value for tax dollars.
- **Smart Growth:** Putting neighbourhoods and residents at the centre of planning to ensure development respects the local context while enhancing green space.
- **Practical Solutions:** Championing transparent decision-making, reducing unnecessary vehicle congestion, and prioritizing first responders and key infrastructure.

Saanich needs experienced, common-sense governance focused on residents.

Councillor candidate



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Nancy Di Castri

For more than 22 years, my husband and I have proudly called Saanich home. With a blended family of 4 children and 6 grandchildren, we chose Saanich for its beautiful neighbourhoods, parks, trails, and strong sense of community.

Beginning in 1989, I spent more than three decades in Greater Victoria real estate, helping families buy and sell homes while witnessing the importance of thoughtful, balanced growth.

Community service has always mattered to me. I served on the Real Estate Standard Practices Committee and the Run For the Cure organizing committee, canvassed for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Kidney Foundation and have served as a Director at Large with the North Quadra Community Association.

After retiring, I co-founded Save Our Saanich and helped lead the successful campaign that reduced the density of the Quadra McKenzie Plan. If elected, I will champion responsible spending, environmental stewardship, thoughtful planning, and meaningful public engagement.

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Finn Fairbairn

Finn is a University of Victoria student, resident of the Maplewood area of Saanich, a volunteer and a passionate advocate for the community of Saanich. As a young worker, Finn understands the challenges facing young people and will work to balance those needs with those of families, and seniors in Saanich.

Finn brings a fresh perspective, while respecting community history, Indigenous ways of knowing and wisdom of long-term Saanich residents. He brings 9 years of volunteer experience in municipal, provincial and federal politics. Finn has fresh ideas, and will help build a stronger, more vibrant Saanich for the future.

Finn supports bringing down the cost of living including affordable housing and other initiatives that support working people. Saanich needs to retain young people who will staff our hospitals, be our doctors and teach our children and grandchildren. Finn will ensure every voice is heard and every generation is represented.

Councillor candidate



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Noah Fruttarol

As a final-year Computer Science student at UVic and a long-time Saanich resident, I offer a fresh, forward-thinking perspective grounded in lived experience. Having navigated our regional housing challenges, transit systems, and daily financial pressures, I am driven by a deep commitment to pragmatic public service.

I bring a data-driven and proactive planning approach to Council focusing to expand affordable and livable housing, protect our vital green spaces, and build an accessible, thriving community for every generation in Saanich.

Councillor candidate



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Hollis Hodson

Hollis Hodson is an independent candidate for Saanich Council with over 22 years of community advocacy, leadership and public engagement. A Saanich homeowner since 1992, Hollis has worked directly with residents, community associations, municipal staff, elected officials and other levels of government to advance practical solutions on neighbourhood safety, environmental protection and community planning alongside raising a family.

Her advocacy brought multiple partners together to complete the Burnside Road Streetscape and Panama Flats Concept Plan projects. Her community leadership includes serving as President of the Carey Area Residents Association, Chair of the Saanich Community Association Network, and Saanich's Natural Areas, Trails, Parks Committee member.

With a professional background in information technology, including municipal systems, Hollis brings experience in governance, finance, land-use planning, permitting and infrastructure. Her campaign focuses on fiscal responsibility, attainable housing, environmental stewardship, safe neighbourhoods and accountable local government guided by listening to residents and **Protecting What Matters.**

Councillor candidate



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Garnett Humenick

I was born here, now raising my kids here. What I have, I want for everyone: a home with room for the people in it, where families can build a comfortable, affordable life.

I care about making recreation accessible to families, safe routes to school, and practical solutions for rural roads and traffic. I believe families should be able to add room for aging parents or growing kids, and that growth belongs where our infrastructure can support it.

I want neighbours at the table, whether we're talking about development, trees, dogs, roads or telecommunications.

Council is part-time, and that can make it difficult for working families to step forward. I'm home with my kids right now, and that is a privilege. It means I bring the perspective of a middle-aged mom to the council table.

It's not left or right - it's local.

Let's stop division. Let's get things done!

Councillor candidate



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Sasha Izard

Sasha Izard is a 100% independent and locally focused candidate.

If elected to Saanich Council and the CRD in 2026, Sasha will do everything he can to ensure local government autonomy, environmental protection, and local democracy - with the public at the forefront of all decision-making for the future of our communities.

Sasha's focus will be to restore Saanich's Local Area Plans, which were removed from the Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw this term, without any referendum on the issue for the public.

Other focuses include: Reining in runaway spending, debt, taxes and utilities increases. Restoring open subject public input at Council meetings. Saving the ecology of Saanich. Putting an end to overdevelopment. Demanding that the Province end forced blanket-upzoning on municipalities by repealing Bills 44 and 47. Finally, the full separation of lobby and state by ending the closed meetings between Saanich Staff and the UDI's Municipal Liaison Committee.

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Laurie Lidstone

Saanich has been my home for over 60 years. I grew up in Cadboro Bay, Royal Oak, and Braefoot, raised my three sons here alongside my husband, a first responder, and spent decades giving back as a youth sports volunteer and foster parent.

As a professional in real estate and former Chair of the Victoria Real Estate Board, I have dedicated my career to strengthening professional standards and supporting practical housing solutions.

Having lived, worked, and volunteered across our municipality, I deeply understand the challenges facing Saanich. My focus is on:

- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Managing municipal spending wisely and prioritizing core infrastructure.
- **Balanced Transportation:** Building safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians without creating unnecessary congestion or slowing emergency responders.
- **Thoughtful Growth:** Guiding density responsibly while supporting local businesses and safe neighbourhoods.

I ask for your vote to protect what makes Saanich special while planning responsibly for its future.

Councillor candidate



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Matt McGeachie

Matt has lived in Saanich for most of his life. He attended Arbutus, Mount Doug, and Mount View, and has lived with his wife Teri in the Braefoot area for the past 25 years, where they've raised a blended family of eight children, and now enjoy twelve grandchildren, plus two beloved Labradoodles.

Matt's career began at Victoria Press, the precursor to the Times Colonist, where he was actively involved in the union before moving into a management position. In that role, he oversaw a team of employees and managed a multi-million-dollar budget. Matt left the TC in his early 40s to become a software developer for a multinational firm. During that time, he also created a charity fundraising platform, hibid.ca, which has helped local charities raise nearly \$10 million. He continues to develop the platform to this day.

Matt is a member of the Save Our Saanich team.

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Teale Phelps Bondaroff

Teale is an independent researcher and community organizer primarily working with the BC Humanist Association and OceansAsia, where he leads volunteer teams to produce investigative reports that have a real-world impact on issues such as marine wildlife crime, plastic pollution, municipal policy, and separation of religion and government.

Teale co-founded and serves as the Chair of AccessBC, a reproductive justice advocacy organization that successfully campaigned for free prescription contraception here in BC and beyond. He is a volunteer with Greater Victoria Placemaking Network where he channels his passion for literacy, community, and libraries into mapping and supporting our region's growing little free library network.

Teale is completing his first term on Saanich council, where he has been a strong voice for housing affordability, road safety, access to primary care, climate action, environmental protection, and accessibility. He is seeking re-election to Saanich Council, and to represent the community on the CRD.

Councillor candidate



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Colin Plant

Colin is a proven community leader who brings experience, energy, and a strong commitment to Saanich to his work on Council. Known for listening carefully, working collaboratively, and approaching complex issues with thoughtful, practical leadership, Colin has consistently put the interests of residents at the heart of his public service.

Colin has worked as a secondary school teacher in the Saanich school district for over 25 years. Prior to serving on Council he was President of the Royal Oak Community Association. He is married, has four adult sons and lives in Royal Oak.

With a focus on responsible leadership, strong communities, and a positive vision for Saanich's future, Colin Plant offers residents a dedicated and experienced voice at the Council table, one committed to getting things done and making Saanich an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

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Harjas Singh Popli

I am Harjas Singh Popli, a Saanich resident, community builder, and founding director of Fateh Care Charity. My work has focused on helping seniors, families, newcomers, people with disabilities, and others facing financial or mobility challenges with dignity and without unnecessary barriers.

I am running for Saanich Council to bring practical, compassionate, and accountable leadership to local government. My priorities include improving housing affordability and preventing displacement, protecting farmland and strengthening food security, supporting youth and seniors, maintaining accessible and resilient infrastructure, and ensuring responsible, transparent use of public funds.

I believe residents should have a stronger voice in how Saanich grows and how public money is spent. If elected, I will support clearer public budgeting, responsible economic development, stronger community participation, and regular neighbourhood check-ins between elections.

My commitment is simple: listen, stay accessible, and work with residents to build one strong, welcoming Saanich.

Councillor candidate



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Brendan Ralfs

Brendan Ralfs is a lifelong resident of rural Saanich who attended Mount Douglas Secondary School and the University of Victoria. A career public servant, he brings more than 30 years of experience as a British Columbia forest firefighter and emergency manager and has been an effective strategic and operational leader through many of BC's worst disasters.

Brendan is also a committed community volunteer. He recently completed six years of service on the Prospect Lake District Community Association and currently serves on the Dance Victoria Board of Directors. He was also a BC Green Party candidate in the 2017 provincial election.

Brendan is passionate about preserving Saanich's character and charm while helping the community grow and adapt to meet future challenges. He is seeking to serve and represent all of Saanich while ensuring that the needs and perspectives of rural residents are reflected in Council's decisions and actions.

Councillor candidate



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Nic Renaud

Hi, I'm Nic Renaud. I'm running for Saanich Council because I'm interested in supporting the community that has been home to me for my entire life.

I'm currently working with provincial government employees through a local non-profit providing fitness and wellness programs. I previously worked in data management and implementation, where I developed the skills needed to take on new challenges, learn quickly, and help organizations build better systems. I think these experiences and skills have prepared me to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of being a Council member.

Good ideas and hard work lead to positive change. That's what I want to bring to local government, whether it's improving traffic flow, planning infrastructure, or strengthening community services.

I believe having a young voice on Council matters. If all generations are represented, together we can build a Saanich that supports everybody and focus on making a real impact.

Councillor candidate



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Tia Sibbald

My platform focuses on strengthening the economy by offering incentives to industries to invest. We have growing industrial parks that we can expand to underutilized areas without encroaching farmlands. Currently, we have light industries; however, we can develop industrial parks that can accommodate larger industries such as manufacturing and space technology. This is aligned with the STEM education of our youth, who may someday build a labor force of innovation. This job and income strategy will reduce reliance on property taxes to deliver services. As for healthcare, I propose a team-based model, which is discussed in my TV production Health Care Fix Series 2 (YouTube @tiasibbald). My background is a combination of science and finance, and I intend to work to strengthen these areas I've started working outside the government decades ago. Likewise, I will continue to encourage female participation in STEM, community, and governance.

Councillor candidate



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Jordan Weaver

Listening is a professional skill. I have spent my career practising it.

A translator, author and former university lecturer, I bring a doctorate, two postgraduate law degrees and decades of international professional and charitable experience. With Island roots and a home in Gordon Head, I volunteer with Saanich Police in crime prevention and mentor through the John Howard Society.

As an independent candidate for Saanich Council, I will listen before deciding, question assumptions, scrutinize costs and explain my votes.

I support housing people can afford, infrastructure that keeps pace with growth, safer transportation, and protection for our trees, waterways and farmland. I will seek efficiencies before asking residents for higher taxes. We can welcome new neighbours without losing what makes Saanich special.

My commitment is to bring people together, do the homework and remain open to evidence, even when it challenges my own views.

Listening to you. Working for Saanich.

Councillor candidate



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Sierra Wicks-Irving

My name is Sierra Wicks-Irving and I am a 24 year old running as an independent candidate for Saanich council. I currently work as a licensed practical nurse and I am back in school to complete my bachelor of science in nursing. On top of that, I volunteer at the BCSPCA and have for eight years. I am running for Saanich council because I want to make it a more inclusive and accessible community for all. I also want to address things such as gaps in our healthcare system and the rising cost of living in Saanich. If elected, I plan on making meaningful change while ensuring Saanich residents are heard, ideas are transparent and communication is prioritized.

Councillor candidate



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Graham Wright

I have called Saanich home for 17 years, raised my family here, coached youth sports, and built a successful security business serving our community.

I'm running for Council because Saanich needs a more practical approach to spending, density, transportation, environmental protection, and municipal priorities. Property taxes have risen dramatically while residents are paying for costly projects and policies that too often make it harder to get around our community.

I support safe roads, but safety and mobility must work together. We can protect pedestrians and cyclists without creating congestion, removing vital vehicle capacity or slowing everyday travel.

As a business owner, I know that every dollar has to be justified and every budget requires choices. Council should operate the same way.

I will ask tough questions, challenge unnecessary spending, listen to residents and focus on efficient core services, responsible taxation and practical solutions that keep Saanich safe, affordable and moving.

Voting information

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 registering on voting day must provide documentation proving identity, place of residence and proof of property ownership. This includes:

- Two pieces of personal identification – one with residential address, and at least one with a signature; and
- Property title deed or current District of Saanich property tax receipt; and
- An Application to Register as a Non-Resident Property Elector.
- If the property is owned jointly with others, written consent from the other property owners is required. The Consent Form is on the reverse side of the Application to Register form. Applications are also available from Legislative Services by emailing elections@saanich.ca or by phoning 250-475-5501. Consent must be provided at time of registration.

IDENTIFICATION

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 financial institution.

Advance voting opportunities

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saanich Municipal Hall

770 Vernon Avenue

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hellenic Community Centre (Greek Hall)

4648 Elk Lake Drive

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saanich Municipal Hall

770 Vernon Avenue

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

3220 Cedar Hill Road

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hellenic Community Centre (Greek Hall)

4648 Elk Lake Drive

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

University of Victoria, Student Union Building

Michele Pujol Room, 3800 Finnerty Road

General voting day

Saturday, October 17, 2022 - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Campus View Elementary School	3900 Gordon Head Road
Cedar Hill Middle School	3910 Cedar Hill Road
Cloverdale Elementary School	3427 Quadra Street
Cordova Bay Elementary School	5238 Cordova Bay Road
Doncaster Elementary School	1525 Rowan Street
Frank Hobbs Elementary School	3875 Haro Road
Glanford Middle School	4140 Glanford Avenue
Gordon Head Recreation Centre	4100 Lambrick Way
Hillcrest Elementary School	4421 Greentree Terrace
Lansdowne Middle School	1765 Lansdowne Road
Lochside Elementary School	1145 Royal Oak Drive
Prospect Lake Elementary School	321 Prospect Lake Road
Reynolds Secondary School	3963 Borden Street
Saanich Commonwealth Place	4636 Elk Lake Drive
Silver Threads (Les Passmore Centre)	286 Hampton Road
Spectrum Community School	957 Burnside Road West

Voting information

Mail in ballots

Mail ballot applications are now being accepted from any qualified elector in the District of Saanich. To be a qualified elector, you must meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day (October 17, 2026);
- Canadian citizen;
- Resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately preceding the day of registration;
- Resident of the District of Saanich; OR
- Registered owner of real property in Saanich for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration; and
- Not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting or be otherwise disqualified by law.
- A person or the commander of an armed forces unit who has been granted freedom of the municipality, if that person is a Canadian citizen (for Saanich Municipal Council offices only)

REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT

To request a mail ballot, complete the online application at saanich.ca/vote-by-mail. Mail ballot applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

To be counted, your ballot must be received by 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Please note that once you have registered to vote by mail ballot, you cannot vote at the regular or advance polls.

APPLICATION PERIOD

We are now accepting applications to vote by mail. Thursday, October 15, 2026 (4:00 pm) is the last day to request a mail ballot package.

The mail ballot package can be mailed to you or picked up at the Legislative Services office. For those requesting mail delivery, please consider the destination and that mail service excludes delivery on weekends and statutory holidays. Refer to the delivery information included with the Application.

If you are submitting your application to vote by mail on or after October 9, 2026, it is recommended that you pick up the package from the Legislative Services office (as time may not permit mailing).

Please note that if you request a mail ballot package in person, your application will take one day to process.

MAIL BALLOT PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Packages will be assembled and processed starting on or about September 30, 2026

SUBMITTING COMPLETED MAIL BALLOT PACKAGES

The completed mail ballot package must be received by the Chief Election Officer at the Saanich Municipal Hall by 8 p.m. on general voting day (Saturday, October 17, 2026).

Voters are responsible for making sure the mail ballot is received before the deadline. Ballots received after the deadline are not counted.