

THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

2026 General Local and School Board Elections

2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Are you eligible to vote in the 2026 General Local and School Board Elections for Mayor, Councillor and School Trustee?

Is your name on the current List of Electors?

To find out, you can visit or call the District of Saanich, Legislative Services Division at Saanich Municipal Hall, 2nd 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). You can also contact Elections BC at elections.bc.ca 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 18, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**

Elector registration will not be accepted from August 19, 2026, to October 17, 2026, but will be accepted at voting locations on voting days.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Resident Electors:

In order to be eligible to vote in General Local Elections as a resident or non-resident property elector, a person must:

- Be 18 years of age or older when they register to vote or 18 years or older on General Voting Day; and
- Be a Canadian citizen; and
- Have been a resident of BC for at least six months immediately before they register to vote; and
- Be a resident of the District of Saanich; and
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in local elections or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Non-Resident Property Electors:

A non-resident property elector must:

- Be 18 years of age or older when they register to vote or 18 years or older on General Voting Day; and
- Be a Canadian citizen; and
- Have been a resident of BC for at least six months immediately before they register to vote; and
- Be the registered owner of real property in the jurisdiction where they intend to vote for at least 30 days immediately before they register to vote; and
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in local elections or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Only one person is eligible to vote as the non-resident property elector for that property when a person owns a property with one or more other individuals. The owner entitled to vote must be designated, in writing, by the majority of the property owners.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Resident Electors and Non-Resident Property Electors who are not on the List of 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. One piece of identification must have the resident's address.

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

Angila Bains, Chief Election Officer at 250-475-5501
Janice Schmidt, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250-475-5501
elections@saanich.ca