

Voter Information & Eligibility

Voter Eligibility

To be eligible to vote in general local elections or by-elections as a 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
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Have been a resident of B.C. for at least six months before they register to vote
- Be a resident of the municipality, on the day of registration
- Not be disqualified under the Local Government Act, or any other enactment, or bylaw from voting in a local election.

Non-Resident Property Electors

When a person lives in one jurisdiction and owns property in one or more jurisdictions, they may vote once in each of the other jurisdictions where they own property, as long as they meet the voter eligibility requirements.

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

A person cannot vote on behalf of a corporation, or as a non-property elector, based on a property owner wholly or in part by a corporation.

Students

Students who live in one jurisdiction and attend an educational institution in a jurisdiction different from their usual place of residence may vote only once, either in the jurisdiction where they attend school or in the jurisdiction that is their usual place of residence.

What identification is required to vote?

In accordance with Provincial legislation, if a person is already registered on the votes list, there is no ID requirement at the time of voting, although a solemn verbal declaration will have to be made by the elector prior to receiving a ballot, to ensure that they are the person named on the voters list. Although it is not required to vote, staff may ask if you have ID in an effort to help speed up the process during the ballot assignment. If a person is not already registered on the votes list, and they are eligible to vote, the following ID requirement must be met when registering at the time of voting:

- At least two ID documents must be shown that provide evidence of the person's identity and place of residence, at least one of which must contain the person's signature.

OR

- At least two ID documents must be shown that provide evidence of the person's identity, at least one of which must contain the person's signature, and make a solemn declaration as to the person's place of residence.

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- BC Driver's License
- BC ID Card
- BC Care Card or BC Gold Care Card
- BC Services Card with or without photo
- Social Insurance Number Card
- Certification of Vehicle Insurance (ICBC)
- Canadian Citizenship Card
- Credit Card or Debit Card
- Property Tax Notice
- Utility Bill