

City of Duncan Voters

When is General Voting Day and Where do I vote?

General Voting Day for local government elections in the province of British Columbia is the third Saturday in November. This year, that will be November 19. The Voting Place for the City of Duncan will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Duncan Volunteer Fire Hall, 468 Duncan Street.

How do I know if I'm eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote in a British Columbia local election as a **resident elector** if you:

- are a Canadian citizen;
- are 18 years of age or more on general voting day;
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months before you register to vote; and
- have lived in the City of Duncan for 30 days or more before you register to vote; and,
- are not disqualified by the *Local Government Act*, any other enactment, or the Courts from voting in an local election.

You may be eligible to vote in City of Duncan local election as a [non-resident property elector](#) if you:

- are eligible to vote as a resident elector in another municipality or regional district; and,
- own property in the City of Duncan for 30 days or more before you register to vote; and
- are otherwise qualified.

If you own the property with other non-resident electors, only one of you can vote. You must have the written consent of the other owners to cast the ballot. If you own property along with a corporation, then none of the owners of the property are eligible to vote. If you own more than one piece of property in the local government, you may only vote in relation to one. Click on the following link to access [Non-Resident Elector Consent Forms](#).

Do I need identification in order to vote?

If you are not on the City of Duncan list of registered voters and are qualified to vote, you may register at the time of voting by completing the voter registration card. You must have two pieces of identification (ID). The ID must show your residential address and one of them must have your signature. If your ID doesn't show your residential address, you can make what is called a "solemn declaration" as to your residence. The voting clerk will have the form you need to use to make that declaration.

If you have registered in advance of voting day and appear on the list of registered electors, it is not necessary to produce ID at the time of voting.

Acceptable Identification Documents - For identification purposes on general voting and advance voting days, the following documents will be accepted as proof of identity and residency:

- BC Driver's licence
- BC Motor Vehicle Branch Identification Card
- ICBC owner's certificate of insurance and vehicle licence
- BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard
- Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Form
- Human Resources Canada Social Insurance Card
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada Citizenship Card
- City of Duncan Property Tax Notice
- Bank Debit Card or Credit Card
- Utility Bill (e.g. hydro, natural gas, water, telephone, cable)

Do I get time off work to vote in a local government election?

There is no legislated requirement that employers must provide time off work so that employees can vote in a local government election. However, some employment contracts may allow for it. Voting places are open from 8:00 in the morning to 8:00 at night to provide time to vote. In addition, there will be two advance voting opportunities in the City of Duncan so that people who are unable to vote on general voting day have another chance to vote.

I am a member of a First Nation, living on reserve. Can I vote in a local government election?

Cowichan Tribes lands are not located within the City of Duncan and therefore the residents on these lands do not vote for City of Duncan candidates.

I am moving to the City two weeks before General Voting Day. Can I vote?

No, you must have resided in the City of Duncan for 30 days to be eligible to vote.

I won't be here on General Voting Day; how can I vote?

The City of Duncan will have two advance voting opportunities, both of which will be held at City Hall, 200 Craig Street, Duncan, BC. The first one will be on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The second one will be on Wednesday, November 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Can I vote by mail?

No.

Can I vote through the Internet?

No.

I own a company in the City of Duncan; do I get an extra vote?

No. Local government voting rights are granted to citizens, on the basis of residency or property ownership. There is no corporate vote in British Columbia.

I am a British subject. Can I vote?

It depends on whether you are also a Canadian citizen; only Canadian citizens can vote.

An **Additional General Voting Opportunity** will be held for electors, who for medical reasons or because of infirmity cannot leave their residence on general voting day, by having a mobile voting place operated by City of Duncan voting staff attend the residence of such an elector to allow that person to vote.

Requests to have a mobile voting station attend a residence on general voting day must be received by the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Chief Election Officer or a designate, before 4:30 pm on November 14, 2011.

How should I mark the ballot?

The ballot will contain instructions for marking it. The City of Duncan requires that you make an "X" in the blank space opposite the name of the candidate or candidates for whom you wish to vote. Do not add any marks, scribbles, words or comments to the ballot or your ballot will be rejected, which means that your vote will not count.

Can I take someone into the voting booth to help me?

Only one person may be in a voting booth at a time, unless the voter is someone who needs assistance, such as a translator or other helper. Or, if you are caring for someone at the time you cast your ballot, the presiding election official may allow you to have that person in the booth with you as you are casting your ballot. Check with the presiding election official on the day of voting.

Am I allowed to assist someone who has a physical disability or other difficulty?

Yes, but you must sign a written statement about your assistance, and, if you are not an election official, a solemn declaration will be required. Check with the presiding election official at the time of voting.

Can a candidate help me vote if I need assistance?

No. Candidates and their representatives and agents are prohibited from assisting electors.

Where can I find information on election results and voter turnout?

View the results online at www.duncan.ca or phone 250-746-6126 or view the posting at City Hall, 200 Craig Street or email: duncan@duncan.ca