



## 2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION OCTOBER 17, 2026

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION

To be eligible as a candidate in a local government election, at the time of nomination, you must:

1. Be a Canadian citizen; AND
2. Be, or will be, 18 years of age or older (**October 17, 2008**) on or before general voting day; AND
3. Have lived in BC for at least 6 months (**March 10, 2026**, is the last day to meet 6-month residency requirement for candidates; there is no requirement for a candidate to be a resident or own property in the municipality); AND
4. Have not been disqualified by any law or statute from being nominated, elected or holding office.

You are specifically *disqualified* as a candidate for office if you:

- are a Judge of the Provincial Court, Supreme Court or Court of Appeal; OR
- are an employee or salaried officer of the local government, including an active paid on-call member of the fire department, [unless you have taken a leave of absence to run for office and agree to resign if elected], including if you are running as a regional district electoral area director when employed by a municipality which is a member of that regional district; OR
- are under sentence for an indictable offence and are in custody or in prison; OR
- have been found guilty of an elections offence, such as intimidation, double voting or buying votes and are prohibited from holding office; OR
- are disqualified for not filing a disclosure statement in a previous election or for not making an oath of office or not attending meetings.

To become a candidate for any local government office, you must be nominated by two people who are qualified to vote - either as a resident or non-resident property elector in the City of Parksville. Any person who is entitled to make a nomination may sign as many nomination documents as there are offices to be filled. **A candidate should be prepared to have additional nominators in the event one or both of the two original people are not eligible to be a nominator.**

You and your two nominators must complete a written nomination in the prescribed form providing:

- your full name [and your usual name if you would rather have that on the ballot – i.e. if you would prefer to be called Bob when your full name is Robert]; AND
- the office for which you are being nominated; AND

- if applicable, a statement that you are being endorsed by an elector organization and would like that organization's name to appear on the ballot; AND
- your residential address and mailing address if different; AND
- the names and residential addresses of your two nominators [if one or both of your nominators are a non-resident property elector, the address of that property]; AND
- a statement signed by your nominators that, to the best of their knowledge, you are qualified to hold local government office in British Columbia.

Your nomination form must include and be accompanied by:

- a statement signed by you saying that you consent to the nomination; AND
- your solemn declaration that you are qualified to be nominated for office and the information provided in the nomination documents is true [a solemn declaration is a declaration made on oath or by solemn affirmation signed by you and witnessed by the Chief Election Officer, Deputy Chief Election Officer, a lawyer or a notary. It may be made in advance or taken by the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer when you deliver your nomination documents]; AND
- if applicable, a solemn declaration from your elector organization that the organization fulfils the requirements for endorsing you as a candidate and your written consent to the endorsement by the elector organization; AND
- the financial disclosure statement required by section 2(1) of the *Financial Disclosure Act*. This statement must provide details of both your corporate and personal holdings and is designed to help you avoid situations of conflict of interest. If you are elected, you will also be required to update your financial disclosure statement between January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year while holding office. *This is an ongoing annual commitment to disclose financial information and is different from the requirement to disclose financial campaign information.*

The City of Parksville does not require a nomination deposit to be paid when filing your nomination documents.

### **Nomination Packages**

You can pick up a nomination package at the administration offices of the City of Parksville during regular office hours [8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays], starting at **9 am on Friday, July 24, 2026**, to 4 pm on Friday, September 11, 2026.

**You must file your nomination papers with the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Chief Election Officer, at the administration offices of the City of Parksville, during regular office hours [8 am to 4 pm excluding statutory holidays], commencing at 9 am on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, until 4 pm on Friday, September 11, 2026. Appointments are recommended.**

***Nomination packages will not be accepted prior to 9 am on September 1 or after 4 pm on September 11.***

Nomination documents may be delivered by hand, mail, fax or other delivery service. Originals of faxed nomination documents must be received by the Chief Election Officer by 4 pm on Friday, September 18, 2026, or the nomination is deemed to be withdrawn.

*A word of caution, candidates are strongly encouraged not to leave filing their nomination papers to the last minute in the event the papers cannot be accepted by the Chief Election Officer as submitted. Ensure you have sufficient time to make any changes, if necessary, prior to the 4 pm deadline on Friday, September 11, 2026.*

From the time of delivery to the Chief Election Officer, all nomination documents must be available for public inspection during regular office hours and will be posted on the City's website, from the date of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of the election results. Financial disclosure statements will be available for inspection by the public on the Elections BC website ([elections.bc.ca](http://elections.bc.ca)).

You should also be familiar with the [Local Elections Campaign Financing Act](#).

**You have until 4 pm on Friday, September 18, 2026, to withdraw as a candidate.** If you want to withdraw after that deadline, the Chief Election Officer must notify the Minister and the Minister will decide whether or not the candidate may withdraw.

More information on local government elections can be found here on the province's website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections> and information on campaign financing can be found on the Election BC website [elections.bc.ca](http://elections.bc.ca) or toll free at 1 855 952-0280. A great resource is the "[Candidate's Guide to Local Government Elections in BC](#)". A copy of the *Candidate's Guide* will also be included in the nomination package for candidates.

**Chief Election Officer**

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