



2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO – ELECTORAL AREAS

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the electors of the Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Areas that a general local election will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 to elect:

- Director – Electoral Area A – 1 person to be elected
- Director – Electoral Area B – 1 person to be elected
- Director – Electoral Area C – 1 person to be elected
- Director – Electoral Area E – 1 person to be elected
- Director – Electoral Area F – 1 person to be elected
- Director – Electoral Area G – 1 person to be elected
- Director – Electoral Area H – 1 person to be elected

GABRIOLA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST AREA

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the electors of the Gabriola Island Local Trust Area that a general local election will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 to elect two Local Trustees. The Gabriola Island Local Trust Area consists of the following islands:

Acorn Island	Gabriola Island	Round Island
Bath Islands	Gaviola Island	Saturnina Island
Breakwater Island	Hudson Rocks	Sear Island
Carlos Island	Lily Island	Snake Island
DeCourcy Island	Link Island	Tugboat Island
Entrance Island	Long Island	Twin Islands
Five Finger Island	Mudge Island	Vance Island

Nominations for the offices of the Electoral Area Directors and the offices of the two Local Trustees will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, during the **Nomination Period, from 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2026** (excluding statutory holidays and weekends), as follows:

By hand, mail, or delivery to:

Legislative Services Department
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

By fax: 250-390-4163

By email: vote@rdn.bc.ca

Interested persons can obtain information on the requirements and procedures for making nominations, including nomination forms at the Legislative Services Department, Regional District of Nanaimo, located at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2 and the Regional District website at rdn.bc.ca/2026-elections from 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, to the close of the nomination period at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2026, during regular office hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays.

Nomination forms for Gabriola Island Local Trust Area trustee are also available at:

Islands Trust Victoria Office 200 – 1627 Fort Street Victoria, BC V8R 1H8 Office hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (closed weekends and statutory holidays).	Islands Trust Northern Office 700 North Road Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X3 Office hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday (closed weekends and statutory holidays).
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Note: Candidates are advised to make an appointment with the Chief Election Officer to submit their nomination papers by emailing vote@rdn.bc.ca, or by calling 250-390-4111, toll free 1-877-607-4111.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

To qualify to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government, a person must meet the following criteria:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day, Saturday, October 17, 2026;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated, elected, holding office, or otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local elections, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Electoral Area Director	\$6,161.89
Local Trustee	\$6,161.89

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local elections, the following third party advertising expense limits apply to the election areas of the following offices:

Electoral Area Director	\$924.28
Local Trustee	\$924.28

The cumulative third party advertising expense limit is \$184,856.70 and applies to directed and issue advertising in all election areas.

ADVANCE NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Are you eligible to vote in the 2026 general local elections for the Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Areas or Gabriola Island Local Trust Area? Is your name on the current list of non-resident property electors?

If you are not sure, you can find out by contacting the Legislative Services Department, Regional District of Nanaimo, 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2, by email at vote@rdn.bc.ca or by calling 250-390-4111 or toll free 1-877-607-4111. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

Advance non-resident property elector registrations will be accepted at the Regional District of Nanaimo office until 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2026. Resident and non-resident property elector registrations will be accepted on voting days.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day; and
- Be a Canadian Citizen; and
- Be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- Be a resident in the voting jurisdiction; and
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

To register as a non-resident property elector, you must:

- Not be entitled to register as a resident elector in the voting jurisdiction; and
- Be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day; and
- Be a Canadian Citizen; and
- Be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- Be a registered owner of real property in the voting jurisdiction for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

In addition, for **non-resident** property electors:

- The only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.
- If more than one person is the registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning September 1, 2026, until the close of general voting for the election on October 17, 2026, a copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection at the Legislative Services Department, Regional District of Nanaimo office at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays. Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect the list or use the information included in the list except for the purposes of Part 3 – Electors and Elections of the *Local Government Act*.

An elector may request that their address or other personal information be omitted from or obscured on the list of electors in accordance with section 78 (Protection of privacy) of the *Local Government Act*. Requests should be submitted to the Chief Election Officer as soon as possible to allow the request to be processed before the list is made available for public inspection.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with section 79 (Objection to elector registration) of the *Local Government Act* until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2026. An objection must be in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the voting jurisdiction. Objections can only be made on the basis that a person whose name appears on the list of electors has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the voting jurisdiction.

For further information on the **nomination process and other contents of this notice**, please contact:

Chief Election Officer
Legislative Services Department, Regional District of Nanaimo,
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2
Phone: 250-390-4111, toll free 1-877-607-4111
Fax: 250-390-4163 • Email: vote@rdn.bc.ca

For further information on **campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC:

Toll-free phone: 1-800-661-8683
Email: electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca
Website: www.elections.bc.ca

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