



Voting Opportunities

When Can I Vote?

There are a few options available to all [eligible electors](#) regarding voting opportunities:

1. **Advance Voting Opportunities** – Wednesday, 2014-NOV-05 & 12
2. **Vote by Mail** – see below for more information
3. **General Voting Day** – Saturday, 2014-NOV-15

Voting for Advance Voting Opportunities and on General Voting Day is held from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All ballots cast on the dates noted above including Mail Ballots are counted after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on 2014-NOV-15.

Where Can I Vote During the Advance Voting Opportunities?

There is one location - Bowen Park Auditorium, 500 Bowen Road.

Where Can I Vote on General Election Day?

You may vote at **any** of the voting places listed below:

- Chase River Elementary School, 1503 Cranberry Avenue
- City of Nanaimo Service & Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street
- Departure Bay Activity Centre, 1415 Wingrove Street
- Frank J. Ney Elementary School, 5301 Williamson Road
- Georgia Avenue Community School, 625 Georgia Avenue
- McGirr Elementary School, 6199 McGirr Road
- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 Third Street
- Nanaimo Alliance Church, 1609 Meredith Road
- Oliver Woods Community Centre, 6000 Oliver Road
- Protection Island Fire Hall, 26 Pirates Lane (Hours 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
- Wellington Community Hall, 3922 Corunna Avenue

I Live on Protection Island – Where Can I Vote?

Residents of Protection Island may vote on General Voting Day at the Protection Island Fire Hall at 26 Pirates Lane between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., or, if in Nanaimo they may vote at any of the above locations. They may also vote at either of the Advance Voting Opportunities as well as by mail ballot as outlined below.

Voting by Mail

You can apply to vote by mail if you meet the following requirements:

1. You are already registered to vote as either a Resident Elector **OR** a Non-Resident Property Elector; and,
2. You:
 - have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects your ability to vote at another voting opportunity; OR,
 - expect to be absent from the City of Nanaimo on General Voting Day (2014-NOV-15) and at the times of all Advance Voting Opportunities (2014-NOV-05 and 2014-NOV-12).

Electors who are eligible and wish to vote by mail ballot can apply by completing the required [Application to Vote By Mail](#).

Electors are responsible to ensure their mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, 2014-NOV-15. Late mail ballots are not considered, regardless of postmark or other proof of effort to deliver. Additionally, mail ballots can only be counted if all the required information, security envelopes and signatures are completed and provided as instructed.

Assistance with Voting and Curbside Voting at the Voting Place

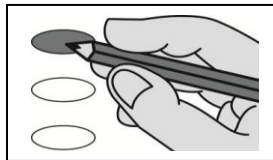
If you are unable to mark, read or translate your ballot, an election official, friend or relative may assist you, after they make a solemn declaration to not influence you and to keep your vote secret.

If you can travel to a Voting Place but find it difficult to get out of your car and into the building, you may request “curbside” voting where Election Officials will bring your ballot to you. You may send someone into the Voting Place to request “curbside voting” when you arrive to vote.

What Kind of Ballots are Used?

A single composite ballot is used for the offices of Mayor, Councillor and School Trustee. Candidate names are listed in alphabetical order by the last name. The City uses an automated vote counting system. Votes marked on the ballot are ‘read’ by an optical scanning device in the vote counting unit.

Do NOT use marks like (√) or (X) on the ballot. Instead, mark the ballot using only the marking pen provided and completely fill in the oval next to your choice, as shown below.



Under-voting (voting for fewer candidates than seats available) is legal and votes will be counted. If you spoil your ballot inadvertently, ask an Election Official for a new ballot. After marking your ballot, place your ballot face down on the vote counting unit and wait to confirm the ballot was accepted. The automated vote tabulator will scan the ballot and read the completed ovals to make your vote count when votes are tallied at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, 2014-NOV-15.

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Office Location: City Hall, Legislative Services Office, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays)