



THE 2026 VOTER GUIDE

One page. Everything you need to vote in Victoria's civic election. Stick it on the fridge.

SAT, OCT 17

Election day. Voting places open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Any City of Victoria voting place works.

WED, OCT 7

Advance voting expected, with a second day usually the following Wednesday. The City confirms dates closer to the time.

SEP 1 TO 11

Nominations. Papers can only be filed in this window, so the ballot is final after September 11. Watch for all-candidates meetings.

CAN I VOTE?

- ☐ Canadian citizen, **18 or older** on election day
- ☐ Lived in **BC for 6+ months**
- ☐ Lived in **Victoria for 30+ days** (renters absolutely count)
- ☐ Own Victoria property but live elsewhere in BC? You may vote as a **non-resident property elector**

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

- ☐ **1 mayor** and **8 councillors** (vote for up to 8; you do not have to use all 8)
- ☐ School trustees for the Greater Victoria district
- ☐ Tip: voting only for candidates you truly support gives your favourites more weight

THE SIX ISSUES, AND WHAT EACH ONE TURNS ON

- ☐ **Governance and public trust.** The City's own 2022 review found 71% did not think council considered public input.
- ☐ **Development and neighbourhoods.** One plan now covers every lot. Local area plans were revoked.
- ☐ **Housing and affordability.** In 2023 the affordable share in the City's policy was cut from 20% to 10%.

MY VOTING PLAN

- ☐ My voting day: _____ My voting place: _____
- ☐ Getting there: walk / bike / bus / drive / lift with _____
- ☐ Two neighbours I am bringing: _____ and _____

WHAT DO I BRING?

- ☐ On the voters list: just yourself
- ☐ Not registered? Register at the voting place with **two pieces of ID**, one with your signature
- ☐ Works: BC driver's licence or BC Services Card, plus a bank card or utility bill
- ☐ Check the list in 2 minutes: eregister.electionsbc.gov.bc.ca

ASK EVERY CANDIDATE

- ☐ Should a resident be able to file a code of conduct complaint against a councillor **directly**? Yes or no.
- ☐ Will you restore **local area plans**, and will they have any binding force?
- ☐ The new renovation bylaw returns a displaced tenant at **20% below market**. Will you change that to the rent they were paying?
- ☐ Taxes rose about **35% over four budgets**, compounded. What would you cut or defer before the next increase?

- ☐ **The urban forest.** Canopy growth has fallen by more than half between monitoring periods. Most Garry oaks stand on private land.
- ☐ **Transportation and infrastructure.** Growth was approved without a funded plan for the pipes and roads.
- ☐ **Safety and well-being.** Money spent, results not reported. Much of it is provincial responsibility.