



# NOTICE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

3400 – 30<sup>th</sup> Street

Vernon, BC

V1T 5E6

[www.vernon.ca](http://www.vernon.ca)

DATE: **Thursday, November 4, 2021**

CONTACT: Keri-Ann Austin, Chief Election Officer

TELEPHONE: 250-550-3526

Chargeable GL Code Number: 126-2-15120-450

File No. 4200-2021

## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON 2021 BY-ELECTION

### NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTING

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY** given to the Electors of the Corporation of the City of Vernon that the following Advance voting opportunity will be provided in relation to the Local Government Election:

Date: **Wednesday, November 24, 2021**

Voting Hours: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Location: **Schubert Centre**  
3505 – 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vernon, BC

Additional advance voting opportunities will be held on the dates and during the times indicated at **City Hall, Council Chambers, 3400 30<sup>th</sup> Street**

Date: **Thursday, November 25, 2021**

Voting Hours: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Date: **Saturday, November 27, 2021**

Voting Hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Dates: **Wednesday, December 1, 2021** and  
**Thursday, December 2, 2021**

Voting Hours: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

All qualified Resident and Non-resident property electors for the City Vernon may vote at an Advance Voting Opportunity and at the time of registering as an elector must produce **two (2) pieces of acceptable identification** (at least one with a signature).

The following are examples of **Acceptable Identification**:

- BC Driver's License
- BC Identification Card
- Vernon Tax Notice
- ICBC Vehicle Insurance Documents
- Social Insurance Card
- BC Services Card (*BC CareCard*)
- Credit Card
- Utility Bill
- Citizenship Card

**\*\*Please note** the combined BC Driver's Licence / BC Services Card is considered to be one piece of acceptable identification for the purpose of voting.

## MAIL BALLOT VOTING

You are allowed to vote if you are registered\* as:

- a resident elector (i.e., you live in the City of Vernon), OR
- a non-resident property elector (i.e., you live elsewhere in BC but own property in the City of Vernon).

*\*To register, the appropriate resident or non-resident registration form will be included in your mail ballot package.*

### ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

#### RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the by-election;
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (**June 3, 2021**); and
- a resident of the City of Vernon for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (**November 3, 2021**); and
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

#### NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the by-election; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (**June 3, 2021**); and
- a registered owner of real property in the City of Vernon for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (**November 3, 2021**); and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
  - the only persons who are registered owners of the real 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; and
  - not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
  - **if there is more than one 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.**

To obtain a mail ballot package, you must submit the following information to the City of Vernon (by telephone or by mail or email using the application form provided online) no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2021:

- (1) Full name,
- (2) Residential address,
- (3) Address of the property in relation to which you are voting (for non-resident property electors),
- (4) Method of delivery of your mail ballot package:
  - (a) pick up at the City of Vernon Municipal Hall (3400 30th Street), OR
  - (b) regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address, OR
  - (c) regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address that you provide when requesting the ballot package,

- (5) To ensure you receive the correct registration form in your package, you **must indicate** whether you are going to be registering as a **resident or non-resident property elector**.
- (6) For applications received between November 19 and December 1, 2021, mail ballot packages will **only be available for pick up** at City Hall.

The City of Vernon will send out mail ballot packages commencing on or about November 10, 2021. To be counted for the by-election, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer **no later than 8:00 pm on Saturday, December 4, 2021** (General Voting Day).

The mail ballot return envelope may be dropped off at **City Hall** (3400 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Vernon, BC, V1T 5E6) in person or in the mail slot at the front door.

**NOTE:** It is the obligation of the person applying to vote by mail ballot to ensure that the mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer by the deadline. Postmarks **WILL NOT** be accepted as the date of submission.

If you require further information about any of the above, please visit the City of Vernon website [www.vernon.ca/elections](http://www.vernon.ca/elections) or call 250-545-1361.

Keri-Ann Austin  
Chief Election Officer

Janice Nicol  
Deputy Chief Election Officer

[elections@vernon.ca](mailto:elections@vernon.ca)

---

## REFERENCE ONLY – DO NOT PUBLISH!!

### Election Manual Section:

#### 9.3(2) NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTING

A notice of each *required* advance voting opportunity must be published in a newspaper at least 6 days but not more than 30 days before those voting days (see section 2.4(1) of this Manual for newspaper publication requirements). The notice must include:

- the dates for the advance voting,
- the voting hours,
- the locations of the voting places, and
- the documents required to register as an elector at the time of voting.

For *additional* advance voting opportunities, the chief election officer must give notice in any manner he or she considers appropriate. The notice must include the dates, places, and voting hours. It is recommended that the notice regarding additional advance voting be combined with the notice of the required advance voting so that all the advance voting information is in one notice.

The notice of advance voting can be combined with other statutory notices such as the notice of election (see section 9.1(2) of this Manual and Sample [Notice No. 4-1](#)).