

Election 2026

Thinking of running for Council?

Candidate Information Sessions:

July 23 and July 28 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber - 3400 30 St.

Attendance at these sessions is optional, and both will cover the same material.



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Who may hold office on a local government

Pursuant to Section 81 of the Local Government Act:

81 (1) A person is qualified to be nominated for office, and to be elected to and hold office, on a local government if at the relevant time the person meets all the following requirements:

(a) the person must be an individual who is, or who will be on general voting day for the election, 18 years of age or older;

(b) the person must be a Canadian citizen;

(c) the person must have been a resident of British Columbia, as determined in accordance with section 67, for at least 6 months immediately before the relevant time; (March 10, 2026)

(d) the person must not be disqualified under this Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1) (d), the following persons are disqualified from being nominated for, being elected to or holding office on a local government:

(a) a person who is a judge of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court or Provincial Court;

(b) a person who is disqualified under section 82 as an employee of a local government, except as authorized under that section;

(b.1) a person who is disqualified from holding office under section 82.1;

(c) a person who is disqualified under any of the following provisions of this Act, including as the provisions apply under section 6 (6) *[application to trustees]* of the Islands Trust Act:

(i) section 202 (4) *[failure to make oath or affirmation of office]*;

(ii) section 204 (1) *[unexcused absence from board meetings]*;

(d) a person who is disqualified under any of the following provisions of the Community Charter:

(i) Division 6 *[Conflict of Interest]* of Part 4 *[Public Participation and Council Accountability]*, including as it applies under section 205

(1) *[application to regional district directors]* of this Act and under section 6 (7) *[application to trustees]* of the [Islands Trust Act](#);

(ii) section 120 (1.1) *[failure to make oath of office]*;

(iii) section 125 (5) *[unexcused absence from council meetings]*;

(iv) section 191 (3) *[unauthorized expenditures]*;

(e) a person who is disqualified under any of the provisions referred to in paragraph (c) or (d) as the provision applies under another enactment;

(f) a person who is disqualified from holding office on the council of the City of Vancouver under any of the provisions of the [Vancouver Charter](#) referred to in section 38 (2) (c) or (d) *[disqualifications from holding office]* of that Act;

(g) a person who is disqualified from holding office under

(i) Division 18 *[Election Offences]* of this Part as it applies to elections or voting under this Act or any other Act, or

(ii) Division (17) of Part I of the [Vancouver Charter](#) as it applies to elections or voting under that Act or any other Act;

(h) a person who is disqualified under the [Local Elections Campaign Financing Act](#) from holding office on a local authority;

(i) a person who is disqualified under any other enactment.



The Corporation of the City of Vernon

2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

NOTICE of NOMINATION

Nominations for the offices of:

Mayor – one (1)
Councillor – six (6)

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

In person (during regular business hours), mail, email or other delivery service:

City of Vernon
3400 30 St, Vernon BC V1T 5E6
elections@vernon.ca

from 9:00 am September 1, 2026
to 4:00 pm September 11, 2026

Interested persons can obtain information on the requirements and procedures for making nominations including nomination forms at: City Hall 3400 30 Street, or www.vernon.ca/elections

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 17, 2026;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months (March 10, 2026) immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

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

Mayor	\$41,888.34
Councillor	\$21,156.92



THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local elections, the following third party advertising limits apply:

Third party advertising limit - \$2,094.42

For further information on the **nomination process**, or to make an appointment to submit completed forms, please contact elections@vernon.ca or 250-550-3536

Sue Wood, Chief Election Officer 250-550-3517
Cathy Isles, Deputy Chief Election Officer 250-550-3526
Tanya Bowness, Deputy Chief Election Officer 250-550-3542

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

Toll-free phone: 1-855-952-0280

Email: lecf@elections.bc.ca

Website: www.elections.bc.ca/lecf

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Key Dates

July 23, 2026	5:30 pm	Candidate Information Session attendance optional City Hall Council Chamber (same content at both sessions)
July 28, 2026	5:30 pm	Candidate Information Session attendance optional City Hall Council Chamber (same content at both sessions)
September 1, 2026	9:00 am	Start of Nomination Period
September 11, 2026	4:00 pm	Nomination Period Deadline
September 11, 2026	After 4:00 pm	Declaration of Candidates
September 11, 2026	4:00 pm	End of application period for Scrutineers
September 14, 2026	9:00 am	Draw for order of names on ballot * Only candidates or their official agents are permitted to attend
September 18, 2026	4:00 pm	Nomination withdrawal deadline
September 19, 2026	12:01 am	Start of Campaign Period – signs may now be placed
September 21, 2026		Declaration of Election
October 7, 2026	8:00 am to 8:00 pm	Advanced Voting Opportunity – Schubert Centre/Emerald Room (3505 30 Ave.)
October 14, 2026	8:00 am to 8:00 pm	Advanced Voting Opportunity – City Hall/Council Chamber (3400 30 St.)
October 17, 2026		End of Campaign Period
October 17, 2026	8:00 am to 8:00 pm	General Voting Day
October 24, 2026		Campaign Signs must be removed
November 2, 2026		Inaugural Meeting location and time TDB
November 3, 2026		New Council Orientation (all day) Additional Council Orientation dates TBD
November 4, 2026	4:00 pm	Regional District of North Okanagan Inaugural Meeting
November 30, 2026		Finance workshop
December 1, 2026		Finance workshop
January 15, 2026		Deadline to file Campaign Financing Disclosure Statement with Elections BC
February 16, 2026		Deadline for late filing of Campaign Financing Disclosure Statement with Elections BC

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Resource Links

[Elections BC](#): campaign financing, campaign contributions, election advertising

[Local Government Act](#): legislation for the electors and elections

[Province of BC](#): thinking of running for office - guidance and resources

City of Vernon Reference Materials

[Election Procedures & Automated Vote Counting System Authorization Bylaw](#)

[Council Procedure Bylaw](#): Beginning Tuesday, November 10, Council meeting dates will be on the second and fourth Tuesday

[Draft 2027 Council Meeting Calendar](#)

[Council Committees](#): agendas, minutes, calendar, terms of reference, Council Committee Structure Policy

[Council Meetings](#): agendas, minutes, and calendar

[2025 Annual Report & Financial Statements](#)

[Council Strategic Plan: 2023-2026](#)

[Council Code of Responsible Conduct Policy](#)

[Council Remuneration Policy](#)

Access the Resource
Links by scanning
this QR Code:



[vernon.ca/election](https://www.vernon.ca/election)

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Signage Information

*This information is provided as a guide for convenience only. It is not intended to replace Bylaws or other legislation.

Election Sign: A sign that pertains only to an election for City Council, School Board of School District #22, Provincial and Federal Government. Signs are permitted in all zones and do not require a permit provided they are not installed before a Provincial or Federal Election is officially called or before the campaign period established by the Local Election Campaign Financing Act for the City and School Board.

Signs may be installed beginning **September 19, 2026**, and must be removed no later than **October 24, 2026**. Please ensure all signs are in good condition, of sufficient quality and placed in appropriate locations so they do not create a safety hazard.

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit regulate sign placement on provincial highways. <https://www.gov.bc.ca/electionsigns>

Property owners and tenants are responsible for maintaining adjacent boulevards. Where necessary to perform maintenance activities or address safety concerns, they may remove or relocate election signs located within these areas.

Before installing a sign on private property, obtain the property owners permission.

Be aware of underground utilities, irrigation lines and other hazards when placing signage. <https://www.bclc.ca/>

No signs are permitted within 100 metres of a polling station on voting days. There are buffer maps available on the City website for the advanced and general voting days. Once location and dates are confirmed for the Special Voting opportunities, additional maps will be added. [Map Link](#)

For more information, please contact:
elections@vernon.ca or visit

[vernon.ca/election](https://www.vernon.ca/election)