

Mail Ballot Voting

Quick Guide for Voters

Mail ballot voting allows eligible electors to vote by mail instead of attending a voting place in person. This process is governed by the Local Government Act.

Who Can Vote by Mail?

- Eligible electors may apply to vote by mail ballot.
- You are required to register as an elector during the mail ballot application process.

How to Apply

- Applications to receive a mail ballot must be submitted by October 14 at 4pm.
- You must use the official mail ballot application form found on our website: <https://vernon.ca/elections>.
- Only one mail ballot will be issued per eligible elector.
- **Once a mail ballot package has been issued, you will not be eligible to receive another ballot for the election.**

Receiving Your Mail Ballot

Once ballots are available, your mail ballot package will be issued as soon as possible. Delivery options include:

- Canada Post regular mail
- Courier or delivery service (at your expense)
- Pick up at City Hall Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4pm (proof of identification required)
- Authorized person to pick up at City Hall on your behalf (proof of identification required)

If regular mail service is disrupted, the Chief Election Officer will determine an alternate delivery method.

How to Vote

- Follow the instructions provided in your mail ballot package.
- Mark your ballot clearly and correctly.
- Place your ballot in the secrecy and return envelopes as instructed.
- Return your ballot so it is received before the close of voting on general voting day (October 17, 2026)
- **Ballots postmarked or received after voting is closed cannot be counted.**

After You Return Your Ballot

- The Chief Election Officer records the date and time your ballot is received.
- Complete ballots are accepted and securely stored.
- Incomplete, late, or ineligible ballots are rejected and not counted.
- Mail ballots are counted at a designated polling station at the end of general voting day.

Spoiled Ballots

- If you accidentally spoil your ballot, contact the Chief Election Officer.
- Return the entire spoiled ballot package.
- A replacement ballot may be issued.

Important Reminder

To be counted, your mail ballot must be received by 8pm on general voting day, October 17, 2026.

Mail Ballot Questions

Please direct mail ballot questions to elections@vernon.ca or 250-550-3536.