

**2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION
OCTOBER 20, 2018**

VOTER INFORMATION

General local government elections in British Columbia are held every four years. Electors in the City of Port Alberni vote to elect the following:

- 1 Mayor
- 6 Councillors
- 6 School District #70 (Alberni) Trustees

The City of Port Alberni municipal council is comprised of a mayor and six councillors each elected for a four year term.

Voting Opportunities

General Voting Day is **Saturday, October 20, 2018**, from 8 am to 8 pm at the Alberni Athletic Hall, 3727 Roger Street, Port Alberni, BC.

Advance Voting will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 10th** at **Echo Centre (Dogwood Room)**, 4255 Wallace Street and **Tuesday, October 16th** at **City Hall**, 4850 Argyle Street.

Resident Elector

You may vote in the City of Port Alberni municipal election as a **resident** elector if you:

1. Are a Canadian citizen; AND
2. Are, or will be, 18 years of age or older (October 20, 2000) on or before general voting day; AND
3. Have lived in BC for at least 6 months (as of April 19, 2018) prior to registration; AND
4. Have lived in or have owned property in the City of Port Alberni for at least 30 days (as of September 19, 2018) prior to registration; AND
5. Are not disqualified from voting by the *Local Government Act* or any other act.

If you meet all of the above requirements you can vote and it does not matter whether you rent or own your home.

The City of Port Alberni is no longer utilizing a voters' list; therefore, all voters will register on the day of voting at either an advance voting opportunity or on general voting day.

When arriving to vote, **you will be required to provide two pieces of identification**: one containing your name and address, the other containing your name and signature. If you do not have documentation showing residency, then two pieces of identification [at least one with a signature] are still required and you must then make a solemn declaration as to your residency.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID INCLUDE:

- BC driver's licence
- BC identification card issued by Motor Vehicle Branch
- Owner's certificate of insurance and vehicle licence issued by ICBC
- BC CareCard
- Birth certificate
- SIN card issued by Human Resources Development Canada
- Canadian passport
- Citizenship card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Real property tax notice issued by City of Port Alberni
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- A utility bill for electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services.

Non-Resident Property Elector

The property must be in the name(s) of individuals and not in the name of a company.

If you own property in the City of Port Alberni, but live somewhere else in British Columbia, you may be eligible to vote as a **non-resident property elector** if you:

1. Are a Canadian citizen; AND
2. Are, or will be, 18 years of age or older (October 20, 2000) on or before general voting day; AND
3. Have lived in BC for at least 6 months (as of April 19, 2018) prior to registration; AND
4. Have owned the property in the City of Port Alberni for a least 30 days before you register to vote (September 19, 2018, is last day to meet 30 day ownership requirement); AND
5. You must not be eligible to register as a resident elector in the City of Port Alberni, AND
6. Are not disqualified from voting by the *Local Government Act* or any other act.

When registering, you will be required to provide two pieces of identification: one containing your name and address, the other with your name and signature. In addition to the identification you will need satisfactory proof of ownership in the form of a tax notice, assessment notice or other legal documentation proving property ownership, such as a bill of sale issued prior to September 19, 2018.

Non-resident property electors can only vote once, regardless of the number of properties they own in the City of Port Alberni.

If more than one person owns the property, only one owner may register and that person must have the written consent of a majority of the other owners; and Section 66(1)(f) of the Local Government Act states that the only persons who are registered owners, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.

If you meet all the requirements, you may register on the day vote at either an advance voting opportunity or on general voting day. However, if more than one person is registered as an owner on the property's land title, a **"Non-Resident Elector Consent Form"** containing signed consent from the majority of the registered owners is required.

The **"Non-Resident Elector Consent Form"** is written consent from the majority of the registered owners appointing one of the registered owners as the non-resident property elector for the property.

Note: If you reside or own property with a Port Alberni address but not within the City of Port Alberni's boundaries, you may reside within one of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) electoral areas. Please visit the ACRD website at acrd.bc.ca or contact their office at 250-720-2700 for requirements and information on the electoral area election process.

It is also important to note that residents who live within the Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nations Reserves are not eligible to vote within the City of Port Alberni but may vote for School Trustee only by registering at one of the ACRD voting places – contact the ACRD for information.

I own a company or business located within the City, do I get a vote?

No – a corporation is not entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector. There is no corporate vote in BC.

The above information has been prepared for the convenience of the public and to provide assistance in understanding the local government election process and does not cover every aspect of local elections. It is not intended to be a complete and comprehensive document nor is it a substitution for the legislation contained in Part 3 of the Local Government Act or any other Act. For detailed information on all aspects of voting or running for office in local government elections, refer to the Local Government Act or visit the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing website on local government elections at cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/governance/elections.htm or Elections BC at elections.bc.ca.