

## 2021 By-election City of Abbotsford NOTICE

### ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION

**Are you eligible to vote on September 25 2021 in the upcoming By-election for the City of Abbotsford? Is your name on the current list of electors?**

If you are not sure if you can vote, then you can find out by contacting the By-election at 604-851-VOTE (8683), or by email at [ElectionOffice@abbotsford.ca](mailto:ElectionOffice@abbotsford.ca). The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

If you are not on the list of electors, the easiest way to register to vote is to register with the Elections BC at <https://eregister.electionsbc.gov.bc.ca/ovr/welcome.aspx#>. Advance elector registrations will also be accepted at the City of Abbotsford Election Office until August 3, 2021. Elector registrations will not be accepted during the period August 4, 2021 to September 27, 2021 but will be accepted on voting days.

### ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

#### RESIDENT ELECTORS:

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

#### NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age older on general voting day for the By-election;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six (6) months immediately before the day of registration;
- a registered owner of real property in the City of Abbotsford for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration;
- the only persons who are registered owners of the 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;
- not entitled to register as a resident elector;
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election and not otherwise disqualified by law; and
- **if there is more than one (1) registered owner of the property, only one (1) of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.**

### TYPES OF DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS IDENTIFICATION

You must produce at least two (2) documents that provide evidence of your identity and place of residence, at least one (1) of which must contain your signature. The classes of documents that may be accepted as evidence for the purposes of Section 57 or 57.1 of the *Local Government Act* are:

- a) a Driver's Licence;
- b) an Identification Card such as
  - a. (b.1) a photo BC services card;
  - b. (b.2) a non-photo BC services card;
- c) an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC
- d) a BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard;
- e) a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8, (now "Monthly Form EA181);
- f) a Social Insurance Number card;
- g) a Citizenship Card;
- h) a real property tax notice;
- i) a credit card or debit card; or
- j) a utility bill, (such as electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services).

The above listed identification documents **MUST** be accepted by election officials. Sections 72(3) and 73(3) of the *Local Government Act* (section 30(3)) allow other documents to be accepted at the discretion of the election official (e.g., a valid, current passport).

### LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning August 10, 2021, until the close of general voting for the election on September 25, 2021, a copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection, at the City of Abbotsford Election Office, 5th Floor, 32315 South Fraser Way, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect the list or use the information included in the list except for the purposes of Part 3 – Electors and Elections of the *Local Government Act*.

### REQUEST TO OMIT OR OBSCURE

An elector may request that their address or other personal information about them be omitted from or obscured on the list of electors. The elector must contact the Election Officer to make this request.

### OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the *Local Government Act* until 4:00 p.m. on August 20, 2021. An objection must be in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the City of Abbotsford. It can only be made on the basis that a person whose name appears on the list of electors has died or that a person whose name appears on the list of electors is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the City of Abbotsford.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS**, please contact the Election Office

Phone: 604-851-VOTE (8683) Fax: 604-853-1934  
Email: [ElectionOffice@abbotsford.ca](mailto:ElectionOffice@abbotsford.ca) Web: [www.abbotsford.ca/election](http://www.abbotsford.ca/election)

## 2021 By-election City of Abbotsford NOTICE OF NOMINATION

**Public Notice** is given to the electors of the City of Abbotsford that nominations for the office of:

One (1) Councillor

for a term that ends on October 31, 2022, will be received by the Election Office, as follows:

<b>By hand, mail or other delivery service:</b> <u>Election Office</u> Abbotsford City Hall 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 32315 South Fraser Way Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W7	From 9:00 am, August 10, 2021  To 4:00 pm, August 20, 2021  Excluding statutory holidays and weekends
<b>By fax to:</b> 604-853-1934	Originals of faxed or emailed nomination documents must be received by the Chief Election Officer by no later than 4:00 pm on August 27, 2021
<b>By email to:</b> <u><a href="mailto:ElectionOffice@abbotsford.ca">ElectionOffice@abbotsford.ca</a></u>	

Nomination forms are available on the City's website at [www.abbotsford.ca/election](http://www.abbotsford.ca/election) or the Election Office, Abbotsford City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 32315 South Fraser Way, from July 15, 2021 to the close of the nomination period.

If there are more candidates for an office than there are to be elected for the office, an election by voting will be held between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on September 25, 2021.

### 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, September 25, 2021
- resident of British Columbia for at least six (6) months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from 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 2021 By-election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Councillor \$43,928.56.

### THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2021 By-election, the following third party advertising limits apply:

There are two (2) types of expense limits for third party sponsors in the 2021 By-election.

#### Directed advertising expense limits

Directed advertising expense limits are specific to an election area and apply to advertising about a candidate or elector organization. Directed advertising expense limits are as follows:

Councillor \$4,327.81.

#### Cumulative advertising limit

The cumulative advertising expense limit is **\$150,000.00** and applies to directed and issue advertising in all election areas. The total value of advertising sponsored cannot exceed this limit.

Both limits apply during the campaign period for the 2021 By-election which is August 28, 2021, to September 25, 2021.

If you plan to conduct directed advertising in multiple election areas, or share directed advertising with other third party sponsors, contact the Local Elections Campaign Financing team at Elections BC.

For further information on the **nomination process or List of Registered Electors**, please contact the Election Office.

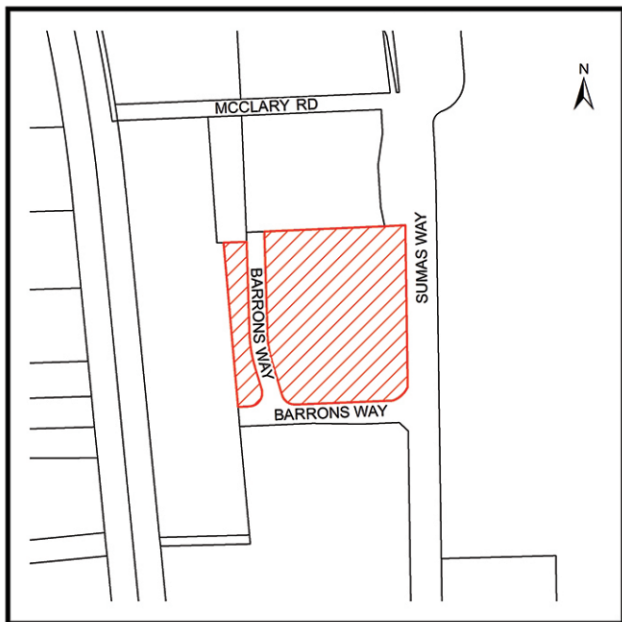
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For further information on **campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC:

Toll-free phone: 1-855-952-0280  
Email: [lecf@elections.bc.ca](mailto:lecf@elections.bc.ca)  
Website: [www.elections.bc.ca/lecf](http://www.elections.bc.ca/lecf)

## Notice of Public Information Meeting (Virtual)

Online consultation for proposed amendment to Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2016 for property located at 1425 Sumas Way



The public is invited to review the proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment and provide their feedback by visiting the Let's Talk Abbotsford online engagement portal. This platform will allow the City to consult with the public on a proposal to amend the City's OCP. The amendment proposes to change the Regional Commercial land use designation to reduce the minimum required ratio of large format commercial retail from 50% to 40% of total floor area.

There is an opportunity to provide comments at the end of the survey on the online engagement portal; however, if you have any questions, please direct them to Planning Services at 604-864-5510 or [planning-info@abbotsford.ca](mailto:planning-info@abbotsford.ca)

**Engagement Portal:** [www.letstalkabbotsford.ca/ocp-amendmentprj21-006](http://www.letstalkabbotsford.ca/ocp-amendmentprj21-006)

**Consultation Period:** July 27, 2021 (8:30 am) to August 17, 2021 (4:30 pm)

**For more Information:** Contact Planning Services at 604-864-5510 or [planning-info@abbotsford.ca](mailto:planning-info@abbotsford.ca)

## Council Meetings

**The next Council meetings take place on August 30, 2021:**

**Executive Committee August 30, 3:00 PM**

**Regular Council August 30, 7:00 PM**

In accordance with the most recent Provincial Health Officer Order regarding gatherings and events, the public is currently not permitted to attend Council meetings.

**Council meetings will be streamed live and archived at [www.abbotsford.ca/watchcouncilonline](http://www.abbotsford.ca/watchcouncilonline).**

**To view agendas, please visit [www.abbotsford.ca/ams](http://www.abbotsford.ca/ams).**

*The above measures will remain in place until further notice from the Provincial Health Officer.*



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