

2026 GENERAL LOCAL AND SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

City of Abbotsford and Abbotsford School District

NOTICE OF ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Are you eligible to vote in the October 17, 2026, General Local and School Trustee Election for the City of Abbotsford and the Abbotsford School District?

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

Advanced registration for resident electors closes at **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.**

The City of Abbotsford uses the Provincial Voters List, which will become the official List of Registered Voters on August 26, 2026. Persons wishing to register in advance as resident electors may do so by contacting Elections BC toll-free at 1-800-661-8683 or by using the online voter registration system at www.elections.bc.ca/ovr.

Electors can confirm they are on the current list of electors or update the list with any required changes until 4:30 p.m. on August 18, 2026. Elector information updates will not be accepted after August 18, except in person on voting days or as required by the mail-in-ballot application process.

In order to qualify, resident electors must satisfy the following:

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

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

Advanced registration for non-resident property electors closes at **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.**

To register, please complete the form available at www.abbotsford.ca/voter-information, and submit it to the Election Office via email to electionoffice@abbotsford.ca, or by mail to the Election Office, 5th Floor, 32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC, V2T 1W7.

Advanced non-resident property elector registrations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. Non-resident property elector registrations will not be accepted after August 25, 2026, except in person on voting days or as required by the mail-in-ballot application process.

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, by completing the consent form available at www.abbotsford.ca/voter-information.

In order to qualify, non-resident property electors must satisfy the following:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election or assent voting; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the City of Abbotsford for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- 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; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS AND REQUESTS TO OMIT OR OBSCURE

Beginning September 1, 2026, until the close of general voting for the election on October 17, 2026, a copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection, at the 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*.

An elector may request that their address or other information about them be omitted from or obscured on the list of electors. Please contact the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Chief Election Officer to make this request via email at electionoffice@abbotsford.ca.

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 September 11, 2026. 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 either died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the City of Abbotsford. Please contact the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Chief Election Officer to make this request via email at electionoffice@abbotsford.ca.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Abbotsford Election Office:

- Phone: 604-851-VOTE (8683)
- Email: ElectionOffice@abbotsford.ca

Robin Charl, Chief Election Officer
Harjit Gill, Deputy Chief Election Officer
Tammy Ketola, Deputy Chief Election Officer

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NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is hereby given that nominations for the following offices will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, from 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2026, excluding weekends and statutory holidays:

- Mayor (1)
- Councillors (8)
- School Trustees (7)

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

Nomination documents for Mayor and Councillor, and for School Trustees, are available at www.abbotsford.ca/elections/candidate-information.

Complete submissions must be received by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2026**. Early submission is encouraged, as incomplete submissions or nomination documents received after the deadline cannot be accepted.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their nomination documents in person, by emailing electionoffice@abbotsford.ca to set up an appointment.

Alternatively, candidates may submit their completed nomination documents by email or by mail after completing the solemn declaration in front of a lawyer, notary or Commissioner for Taking Affidavits in British Columbia.

- By email: electionoffice@abbotsford.ca
- By mail or other delivery service: Chief Election Officer, 5th Floor, 32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC, V2T 1W7

Interested persons can obtain information on the requirements and procedures for making nominations, including nomination forms by visiting www.abbotsford.ca/elections/candidate-information. You may also contact the Election Office by email at electionoffice@abbotsford.ca or by phone at 604-851-8683. Office hours are Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding any statutory holidays).

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; and
- at least 18 years of age on general voting day (October 17, 2026); and
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months 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 apply during the campaign period:

- Mayor \$128,740.12
- Councillor \$65,201.92
- School Trustee \$65,237.78

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

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

- Mayor and Councillor \$6,437.01
- School Trustee \$4,019.88

The cumulative advertising expense limit is \$184,856.70 and applies to directed and issue advertising in all election areas. The total value of advertising sponsored cannot exceed this limit.

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

- Phone: 604-851-VOTE (8683)
- Email: ElectionOffice@abbotsford.ca

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Council meetings will be streamed live
and archived at
abbotsford.ca/watchcouncilonline.

To view agendas, visit abbotsford.ca/ams