

Agenda for the 7:00 pm Monday, November 2, 2026, Town of Qualicum Beach Regular Council Meeting to be held in the Pioneer Hall in the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach, BC

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(This meeting may be recorded)

1. CALL TO ORDER by Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

2. PROCESSION OF COUNCIL-ELECT (in order)

Chief Michael Recalma, Piper Neil Westmacott, RCMP S/Sgt. Travis DeCoen, and Town Crier Jim Purdon, to escort the Council-elect into the Pioneer Hall

3. WELCOME: Chief Michael Recalma of Qualicum First Nation

4. OFFICIAL CRY: Jim Purdon, Town Crier

5. NATIONAL ANTHEM: O Canada – Led by Eva Simpson

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Judge Brian Harvey, to administer the Oath of Office to each member of Council-elect:

- Mayor-elect Adam Walker
- Councillor-elect Donald Couzens
- Councillor-elect Scott Harrison
- Councillor-elect Mischa Oak
- Councillor-elect Anne Skipsey

7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

THAT Council adopts the November 2, 2026, Inaugural Council meeting agenda.

8. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Committee & Liaison Appointments

THAT the following Council members be appointed to the following primary interest categories, council committees and commissions, and as external council liaisons:

Mayor Walker: General Government

- Qualicum First Nation
- Other Levels of Government
- Arrowsmith Water Service Management Board
- Island Coastal Economic Trust
- Oceanside Services Committee (RDN)
- Primary Health Care Centre
- Qualicum Beach Seniors' Activities Centre Association

Councillor Couzens: Children, Families and Recreation

- Early Learning and Childcare Council in Oceanside
- Flowerstone Health Society (Family Health Clinic)
- Into the Woods Early Learning Child Care Society
- Milner Gardens and Woodland Society
- Qualicum Beach Historical and Museum Society
- Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Club
- Chartwell Residents' Association

Councillor Harrison: Housing, Health and Accessibility

- Access Oceanside Association
- Accessibility Advisory Team
- Naut'sa mawt Oceanside Wellness Network
- Oceanside Hospice Society
- Oceanside Task Force on Homelessness
- Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism Association
- Qualicum-Parksville Kiwanis Housing Society
- Eaglecrest Residents' Association

Councillor Oak: Arts, Business and Village Life

- The Old School House Arts Centre
- Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Qualicum Beach Collective Society
- Qualicum Beach Farmers Market
- Qualicum Beach Multi-Use Cinema Society
- Qualicum Community Education and Wellness Society
- Qualicum Woods Residents' Association

Councillor Skipsey: Environment, Heritage and Celebrations

- Heritage Forest Commission
- Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Roundtable
- Select Committee on Beach Day Celebration
- Select Committee on Environment & Sustainability
- Select Committee on Family Day Celebration
- St. Andrews Lodge Historical and Cultural Society
- Qualicum Beach Residents' Association;

AND FURTHER THAT the following Council members be appointed as alternates for the following council committee, commission and external council liaison appointments, to act when the respective primary appointee is unable to attend:

Councillor Couzens:

- Access Oceanside Association
- Heritage Forest Commission
- Oceanside Task Force on Homelessness
- Qualicum Community Education and Wellness Society
- Qualicum-Parksville Kiwanis Housing Society
- Select Committee on Family Day Celebration
- Eaglecrest Residents' Association

Councillor Harrison:

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Councillor Oak:

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- Chartwell Residents' Association.

(b) Vancouver Island Regional Library Board Appointments

THAT Councillor Skipsey be appointed as Trustee and Councillor Couzens be appointed as Alternate Trustee on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board for the term November 2, 2026, to December 31, 2027; these appointments will continue until a successor is appointed, as provided under Section 18(3) of the *Library Act*, unless the member is removed for cause, as provided under Section 18(4) of the *Library Act*.

(c) Appointments for Mayor

THAT the following Council members be designated to act in the place of Mayor for the following terms:

- Councillor Skipsey: November 2026, December 2026, January 2027
- Councillor Harrison: February, March, April 2027
- Councillor Oak: May, June, July 2027
- Councillor Couzens: August, September, October 2027

- Councillor Couzens: November 2027, December 2027, January 2028
- Councillor Skipsey: February, March, April 2028
- Councillor Harrison: May, June, July 2028
- Councillor Oak: August, September, October 2028

- Councillor Oak: November 2028, December 2028, January 2029
- Councillor Couzens: February, March, April 2029
- Councillor Skipsey: May, June, July 2029
- Councillor Harrison: August, September, October 2029

- Councillor Harrison: November 2029, December 2029, January 2030
- Councillor Oak: February, March, April 2030
- Councillor Couzens: May, June, July 2030
- Councillor Skipsey: August, September, October 2030.

(d) Regional District of Nanaimo Board Appointments

THAT Council appoints Mayor Walker as the Municipal Director and Councillor Harrison as the Municipal Alternate Director on the Regional District of Nanaimo Board for the term starting November 2, 2026, and ending October 31, 2027.

9. STAFF REPORTS

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(1) Local Government Election Results

Staff Recommendation:

THAT Council receives the 2026 General Local Election Report.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

11. PRESENTATION – Recognition to outgoing Council Members

12. ADJOURNMENT

THAT Council adjourns the November 2, 2026, Inaugural Council meeting.

Public Reception including appetizers and refreshments to follow

NEXT SCHEDULED

MEETINGS:	Regular Meeting:	Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 10:00 am
	Special Meeting (if required):	Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at 10:00 am
	Committee of the Whole:	Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at 4:00 pm

STAFF REPORT

File No. 4200-20-2026

TO: Lou Varela, Chief Administrative Officer

FOR: Regular Council Meeting

DATE: November 2, 2026

FROM: Heather Svensen, Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

SUBJECT: 2026 General Local Election Report

GOVERNANCE DECISION

To receive the 2026 General Local Election Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council receives the 2026 General Local Election Report.

PURPOSE

To provide the statutory report and additional information on the 2026 General Local Election.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act* requires the Chief Election Officer to declare official election results by 4 pm on the fourth day after General Voting closes and to submit a report on the election results to the local government within 30 days of the declaration of official election results, including a compilation of the information on the ballot accounts for the election.

DISCUSSION

Official election results for the October 17, 2026, election were declared October 19, 2026, following the Final Determination held at 10 am in the Council Chamber. Attached

to this report is the compilation of information on the ballot account reports and voter turnout for the 2026 General Local Election. As a result of the voting, I declared elected the following candidates:

MAYOR	Adam Walker
COUNCILLORS	Donald Couzens Scott Harrison Mischa Oak Anne Skipsey

A total of 4,733 ballots were cast in the 2026 General Local Election, which was slightly more than the 2022 election, where 4,453 ballots were cast. The use of the Provincial Voters List as the base for our List of Registered Electors resulted in 146 New Registrations on Voting Days, which compares to 176 in 2022. The Town's overall percentage voter turnout was 56.33%, slightly higher than the 2022 turnout of 52.53%,

This year, results were compiled and announced to those in attendance and sent to CivicInfo and posted to the Town's website by 9 pm. Submitting the election results to CivicInfo (which also has a link from our website) provides the public with an opportunity to not only access the Town election results promptly, but to also view the election results of other local governments.

In addition to General Voting Day, two Advance Voting Opportunities were held at the Civic Centre on October 7 and 14, 2026, and mail ballot voting was made available for all eligible electors.

Town of Qualicum Beach Voter Turnout History			
YEAR	NUMBER OF PEOPLE VOTING	NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS (incl. New Registrations)	VOTER TURN-OUT as a PERCENTAGE
2026	4,733	8,549	56.33%
2022	4,453	8,477	52.53%
2018	4,600	8,006	57.46%
2014	4,542	7,562	60%
2011	4,122	7,455	55%
2008	3,891	7,270	54%
2005	3,433	4,529	64%
2002	2,436	5,437	43%
1999	3,027	4,685	65%
1996	2,917	3,961	74%

SUMMARY

The Town benefited from the expertise and commitment of staff and election officials throughout the election planning and delivery process. Their familiarity with municipal election procedures and prior experience supporting elections in Qualicum Beach contributed to an efficient, well-organized, and reliable process.

In summary, the election was delivered efficiently, accurately, without any legal objections filed regarding the process, and in compliance with the *Local Government Act* and the Town's Election Procedures Bylaw. This is a statutory report provided for information.

APPROVALS

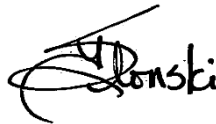
Report respectfully submitted by Heather Svensen.



Heather Svensen
Director of Corporate
Services/Deputy CAO
Chief Election Officer
Report Author



Lou Varela, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative
Officer
Concurrence



Twyla Slonski
Interim Deputy Director
of Corporate Services/
Deputy Chief Election
Officer
Concurrence

2026 General Local Election Results

COMPILATION OF INFORMATION ON BALLOT ACCOUNTS		
1	Number of ballots received for use	8,400
2	Ballots without objection	4,733
3	Ballots accepted subject to objection under s.140	0
4	Ballots rejected without objection (includes blanks)	1
5	Ballots rejected subject to objection under s.140	0
6	Spoiled ballots that were replaced under s.128	57
7	Number of ballots given to the electors (2+3+4+5+6)	4,791
8	Unused ballots	3,582
9	Number of ballots added under s.137(3)	0
10	Number of ballots not accounted for (Mail ballots sent out/not returned by deadline)	27
11	TOTAL (7+8+9+10) NOTE: No. 1 & No. 11 must agree	8,400

Town of Qualicum Beach 2026 General Local Election DETERMINATION OF OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS 				
MAYOR CANDIDATES	Advance Voting	Mail Ballot Voting	General Voting	TOTAL VOTES
CYMBALISTY, Nessa	63	4	52	119
WALKER, Adam	1,606	89	1,079	2,774
WESTBROEK, Teunis	1,046	92	648	1,786
COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES	Advance Voting	Mail Ballot Voting	General Voting	TOTAL VOTES
COUZENS, Donald	1,615	99	884	2,598
FILMER, Robert	962	62	585	1,609
HARRISON, Scott	1,526	99	880	2,505
OAK, Mischa	2,030	135	1,318	3,483
SKIPSEY, Anne	1,392	108	976	2,476
WORTH, Melissa	989	47	660	1,696
YOUNG, Jean	1,246	101	843	2,190
This determination of official election results was made by the Chief Election Officer at 10 am on Monday October 19, 2026 and is based on ballot accounts as amended or prepared by the Chief Election Officer.				
 Chief Election Officer				
Registered Electors	8,403	VOTER TURNOUT:		
Plus New Registrations	146	# of Voters		4,733
Total Eligible Electors	8,549	/ Total Eligible Voters		8,549
Voter Turnout			55.36%	

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