

ELECTION 2026 NOTEWORTHY

SEPTEMBER 2026

WHAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT?

On the day of voting, you will be asked to elect one Mayor, four Councillors, and two School Trustees for Area G (Parksville, Qualicum Beach, and Lasqueti Island). Candidate names are listed below in alphabetical order, as of September 11, 2026:

Mayor

Vote for no more than ONE (1)

- ☐ **CYMBALISTY**, Nessa
- ☐ **WALKER**, Adam
- ☐ **WESTBROEK**, Teunis

Councillor

Vote for no more than FOUR (4)

- ☐ **COUZENS**, Donald
- ☐ **FILMER**, Robert
- ☐ **HARRISON**, Scott
- ☐ **OAK**, Mischa
- ☐ **SKIPSEY**, Anne
- ☐ **WORTH**, Melissa
- ☐ **YOUNG**, Jean

School District

Vote for no more than TWO (2)

- ☐ **D'ADAMO**, Linda R.
- ☐ **DELANGE**, Angel A.
- ☐ **NIKULA**, Brian
- ☐ **NOBLE**, Dan
- ☐ **PENDERGAST**, Garry R.
- ☐ **PEPPER**, Ross W.
- ☐ **SCHNEIDER**, Mike
- ☐ **TOMCZYK**, Jasmine L.
- ☐ **WORONIAK**, Raymond G.
- ☐ **YOUNG**, R. Elaine

Note: The above candidate list should be considered preliminary and subject to change until candidates are officially declared on September 21 at 4 pm. The final candidate list will be posted at qualicumbeach.com.

WHY VOTE?

Local government decisions have a direct impact on your everyday life - from roads, parks and recreation to planning, development and community services.

Voting in the local election is your opportunity to help choose the Mayor and Councillors who will make decisions on behalf of the community for the next four years. Your community. Your choice. Your vote matters.

VOTING TIMES & LOCATIONS

- **Advance Voting Days:**
 - **Wednesday, October 7 & 14**
 - 8 am to 8 pm
 - Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach
- **General Voting Day:**
 - **Saturday, October 17**
 - 8 am to 8 pm
 - Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach

QUESTIONS ABOUT CANDIDATES?

It is the responsibility of each candidate to publish information about their campaign on their own platform. All Candidate Meetings are also held by independent organizers.

All Candidate Meetings

September 22, 2026 at 7 pm

Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street
Organized by Eaglecrest Residents' Association

October 5, 2026 at 5 pm

Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street
Organized by Qualicum Beach Residents' Association

School District Information

The Qualicum School District provides information about their candidates at www.qsdlearns.ca

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO VOTE?

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election; 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 Town of Qualicum Beach on the day of registration; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election, and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election; 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 Town of Qualicum Beach for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; 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; and
- 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.

NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?

All voters must be registered to vote in order to cast a ballot in the 2026 election.

To check whether you are registered, contact the Town at 250.752.6921, between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays).

If you are not registered, you may register at the time of voting, using two pieces of identification listed beside in 'Acceptable Forms of Identification'.



NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

If you own property in Qualicum Beach, but do not live here, you may be able to vote as a non-resident property elector. See 'Who is Qualified to Vote', to see if you are eligible to vote.

Non-resident property electors are strongly encouraged to contact the Chief Election Officer (CEO) or Deputy CEO, in advance of voting, for specific information required to complete registration. When registering, non-resident property electors must bring evidence of ownership (recent Land Title Certificate) and a Consent Form signed by the majority of owners. Contact the Town to obtain the correct forms required at the time of voting.

If a property is owned in whole or in part by a corporation, no owner of that property is eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. To be eligible, all registered owners must be individuals who own the property directly and are not holding it in trust for a corporation or another trust.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

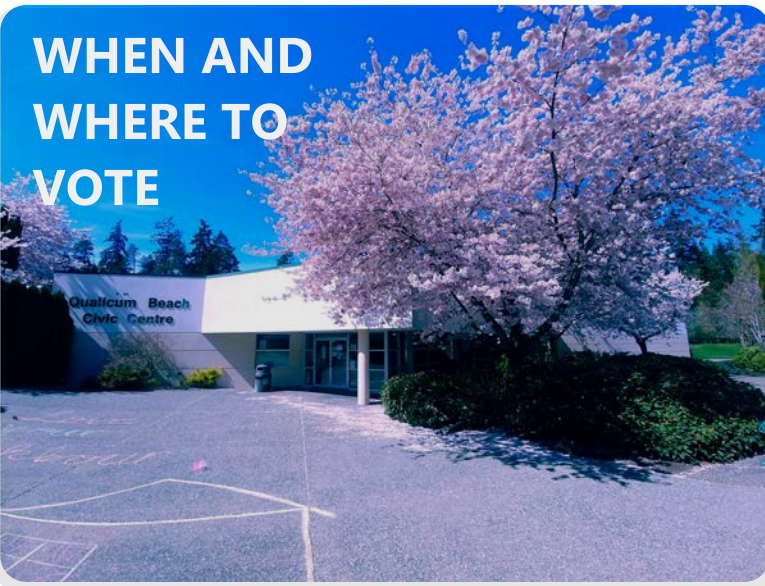
The following classes of documents must be accepted as evidence of identity or residency.

- Driver's Licence. (Note: Combined BCDL and CareCard count as one piece of ID)
- Identification Card
- Photo BC Services Card
- Non-photo BC Services Card
- Car insurance papers
- BC Care Card
- Provincial Social Assistance Form SDES8
- Social Insurance Number
- Citizenship Card
- Property Tax Notice
- Credit card or debit card
- Utility bill such as coaxial cable services, electricity, gas, telephone services, water
- A document, issued by the government of Canada, that certifies that the applicant is registered as an Indian under the *Indian Act* (Canada)
- A citizenship or membership card issued by a First Nation
- A citizenship card issued by Métis Nation British Columbia

The Chief Election Officer, at their discretion, may accept the following:

- Valid current passport
- Birth certificate
- Firearms Licence
- Voter notification card
- Nexus Card

WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE



• Advance Voting Days

- Wednesday, October 7 & 14
- 8 am to 8 pm
- Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach

• General Voting Day:

- Saturday, October 17
- 8 am to 8 pm
- Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach

Unable to vote on the above election days? You can also request a mail ballot. See beside for more details.

ACCESSIBILITY AT THE VOTING PLACE

- **Translation:** You may bring a translator to help you at the voting location if you need assistance. The translator will be required to complete a declaration in order to provide assistance.
- **Help marking your ballot:** An election official or a person accompanying you may help you mark your ballot if you require assistance inside a voting location due to a disability or challenges with reading or writing. If you bring someone to assist you, they will be required to complete a declaration in order to provide assistance.
- **Unable to physically enter the voting location:** A ballot can be brought out to you for curbside voting if you have difficulty entering the voting location due to a physical disability or impaired mobility. When you arrive at the voting location, you can call the contact number that will be displayed in the parking lot or someone accompanying you can notify an Election Official.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

Voting by mail is available to all eligible electors of the Town of Qualicum Beach.

How to Register for a Mail Ballot

To receive a mail ballot package, complete an application form available at Town Hall, or on the Town website at qualicumbeach.com/ways-to-vote.

Mail Ballot Deadlines

- The deadline to request a mail ballot package is Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 4 pm.
- The deadline to pick up a mail ballot package is Friday, October 16, 2026, at 4 pm.

When are Mail Ballots Available?

Mail ballot packages will be mailed out or ready for pick-up as soon as the ballots are available.



How to Submit Your Mail Ballot

Completed mail ballot packages can be returned to the Chief Election Officer (CEO) or Deputy CEO in one of the following ways:

- **By Canada Post:** Ballots must be received at Town Hall by 4 pm on Friday, October 16, 2026. It is strongly recommended to post the ballot well in advance of the deadline to ensure the vote is counted.
- **Hand delivered to Town Hall:** Ballots must be received at Town Hall by 4 pm on Friday, October 16, 2026.
- **Hand delivered to the Civic Centre:** Ballots must be received at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre no later than 8 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Your package must include the following:

1. Completed certification envelope
2. Secrecy envelope
3. Your ballot

It is the responsibility of the elector to ensure their completed mail ballot package is delivered to the CEO or Deputy CEO, no later than 8 pm on general voting day, Saturday, October 17, 2026, to be counted.

HOW TO MARK THE BALLOT



Candidate names are listed in alphabetical order by last name. The Town uses an automated vote counting system, where votes marked on the ballot are read by an optical scanning device in the vote counting unit.

An elector may vote by making an acceptable mark on the ballot beside the name of each candidate of choice, up to the maximum number of candidates.

An election official, friend or relative may assist you to mark, read or translate your ballot, after making a solemn declaration to follow your instructions and keep your vote private.

If you accidentally spoil your ballot, you may ask for a new ballot.

Once completed, submit your ballot into the vote counting unit and wait to confirm that the ballot was accepted.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE?

After the polls close at 8 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2026, election officials, with scrutineers and candidates observing, print the results from the vote counting units. These results show the number of votes from advance voting days, mail ballots, and general voting day.

Election officials total these Preliminary Results and post a summary at qualicumbeach.com and the Civic Centre, and distribute election results and voting information to the media.

Final determination of election results starts on Monday, October 19, 2026. Official results must be declared before 4 pm on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

Mayor and Council begin their four-year term of office when sworn in at the Inaugural Meeting. This Meeting is open to the public and held on November 2, 2026 at the Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach, at 7 pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Campaign Period:** September 19 to October 17
- **Advance Voting Days:** October 7 & 14
- **General Voting Day:** October 17
- **Inaugural Meeting of Council:** November 2

INSPECT LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

A copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection until the close of general voting on October 17, 2026. The list can be viewed at Town Hall, between 9 am and 4 pm, 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*.

HAVE QUESTIONS?



Visit our website at qualicumbeach.com/election

Contact Town Hall, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm
201-660 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach
Phone: 250.752.6921

Email: elections@qualicumbeach.com

Contact the Chief Election Officer, Heather Svensen
Phone: 250.738.2207 (250.927.5010 on voting days)
Email: elections@qualicumbeach.com

Contact the Deputy Chief Election Officer, Twyla Slonski
Phone: 250.738.2190 (250.228.7313 on voting days)
Email: elections@qualicumbeach.com