

CITY OF CRANBROOK AND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
MAIL BALLOT VOTING INFORMATION
2014 General Local Elections and Water Fluoridation Electoral Assent

1. WHO CAN VOTE BY MAIL?

On Saturday, November 15, 2014, from 8 am to 8 pm, the City of Cranbrook and School District No. 5 will hold the general local elections for mayor, councillors and trustees, and a vote on the continued fluoridation of Cranbrook's water.

Electors may vote by mail if they:

- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, OR
- expect to be absent from the City of Cranbrook on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities. Advance voting will be held Nov. 5, 6 and 12 from 8 am to 8 pm.

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

You are allowed to vote if you are registered as:

- a resident elector (i.e., you live in the City of Cranbrook), OR
- a non-resident property elector (i.e., you live elsewhere in BC but own property in the City of Cranbrook).

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- 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 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a resident of the City of Cranbrook 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 an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 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 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the City of Cranbrook for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- the only persons who are registered owners of the real 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 disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or 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.**

3. HOW DO YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

The Provincial Voters List (updated as of August 20, 2014) will be used. If you are not certain that you are on that list you can find out by visiting City Hall at 40 – 10th Avenue South in Cranbrook or phoning City Hall at 250-489-0227. The office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays).

If you are not on the list you must register on the List of Electors, either in advance between August 25 and September 23, 2014 or at the time of filling in your ballot. If you missed the advance registration, an application form will be included in your mail ballot package.

If you wish to confirm that your name is on the City of Cranbrook List of Electors, or you want to register a change of name or address, contact the Cranbrook City Hall at 250-489-0227 or email leroux@cranbrook.ca

4. REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE

Before 4 pm on November 13, 2014 you must submit the following information to the Chief Election Officer's office by mail (40 – 10th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC, V1C 2M8) telephone (250-489-0210), or email to (chiefelectionofficer@cranbrook.ca). The Chief Election Officer must RECEIVE the request by 4 pm on Nov. 13 in order to have a package available for pickup. If you wish to have the package mailed to an address, you will have to request it early enough to ensure that there is time for the delivery to your area. You can request the package at any time. It will be sent to you after the ballots have been prepared beginning approximately October 27, 2014.

- (1) Full name,
- (2) Residential address,
- (3) Address of the property in relation to which you are voting (for non-resident property electors),
- (4) Method of delivery of your mail ballot package:
 - (a) pick up at Cranbrook City Hall, OR
 - (b) regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address, OR
 - (c) regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address that you provide when requesting the ballot package.
 - (d) If none of these are possible, please contact the Chief Election Officer directly and arrangements will be made if possible.
- (5) If you are not on the list of electors, to ensure you receive the correct registration application form in your package, you must indicate whether you are going to be registering as a resident or non-resident property elector.

The City of Cranbrook will send out mail ballot packages commencing on or about October 27, 2014 once ballots are ready. To be counted for the election or assent voting, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on Saturday November 15. There is no mail delivery to City Hall on Saturdays. Completed and sealed ballots can be delivered to the Chief Election Officer at Laurie Middle School on general voting day.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

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