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Dear Corporate Officer:

In preparation for the upcoming local general elections on October 17, 2026, the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs (Ministry) is pleased to inform you that the Ministry's election materials have been updated.

[On our website](#) you can find:

- Candidate's Guide to Local Elections in B.C. - *Coming Soon*
- [General Local Elections 101 \(PDF, 484KB\)](#)
- [Scrutineer's Guide to General Local Elections in B.C. \(PDF, 408KB\)](#)
- [Supporting a Candidate for Local Elections in B.C. \(PDF, 365KB\)](#)
- [Thinking About Running for Local Office? \(PDF, 438KB\)](#)
- [Voter's Guide for Electors Living on Reserve \(PDF, 554KB\)](#)
- Voter's Guide to Local Elections in B.C:
 - [Chinese Simplified \(PDF, 542KB\)](#)
 - [Chinese Traditional \(PDF, 578KB\)](#)
 - [English \(PDF, 185KB\)](#)
 - [Farsi \(PDF, 243KB\)](#)
 - [French \(PDF, 243KB\)](#)
 - [Korean \(PDF, 249KB\)](#)
 - [Punjabi \(PDF, 254KB\)](#)
- [Videos: Being an Effective Elected Official](#)
- [What Every Candidate Needs to Know \(PDF, 494KB\)](#)

This year, as an alternative to printed brochures and guides, the Ministry has produced a new resource: local elections business cards (enclosed for your use).

The business cards highlight general voting day for the 2026 general local elections and have a QR code that links to the Ministry's election webpages and electronic versions of all the elections materials.

We encourage you to use these business cards as a practical and efficient way to share information with candidates and members of the public about general local elections. Business cards may be distributed at: the local government office or other community

spaces; in nomination packages; at advance voter registration opportunities (if available); or, any other venues or events at the discretion of the local government.

For more information about local elections, including candidate and voter eligibility, voting opportunities, and other rules, please visit www.gov.bc.ca/localelections.

If you have any questions about municipal or regional district general local elections, please contact the:

Governance and Structure Branch

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tara Faganello", with a stylized, flowing script.

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