

DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL ELECTION

GENERAL INFORMATION Section

When is the next general election?

General Voting Day is Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Local Government Elections are held every **four** years on the third Saturday in October. Voters of the District of Squamish will elect one Mayor, six Councillors, and two School Trustees.

NOMINATION INFORMATION Section

Who is qualified to be a member of Council?

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if he/she meets the following criteria:

- is a Canadian citizen;
- is at least 18 years old on election day;
- has lived in British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed;
- a person who has been granted freedom of the municipality, if that person is a Canadian citizen, and
- has not been disqualified by any statute or law, from voting in an election in British Columbia, or from being nominated for, elected to, or holding office.

How do I get nominated to run in the election?

The Chief Election Officer will accept nominations from Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, September 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Candidates must be nominated in writing by at least two qualified electors residing or owning property within the boundaries of the District of Squamish.

Nomination packages are available at Municipal Hall, 37955 Second Avenue and on the District of Squamish website for viewing purposes. Please pick up a complete package at Municipal Hall if you wish to run for office. Notice of the nomination period will be published in the local newspaper and on the website.

VOTER'S Section

Who is eligible to vote?

You are eligible to register as an elector, if you:

- are age 18 or older; and
- are a Canadian citizen (**no landed immigrants, permanent residents, or corporations**); and
- have lived in BC for at least 6 months immediately before registering; and
- are a resident of the District of Squamish at the time of registration; or
- have been the registered owner of real property (Non-Resident Property Elector) in the District of Squamish for at least 30 days immediately before the day you register and live in another BC municipality*; and
- are not disqualified by law from voting.

* To register as a non-resident property elector phone the election office at municipal hall (604-892-5217) to speak with the Chief or Deputy Chief Election Officer for further information about the documents required.

VOTERS LIST

Starting August 30, 2022 until the close of general voting on October 15, 2022 a copy of the Voters List will, upon signature, be available for public inspection in the Legislative Services Department, Municipal Hall, 37955 Second Avenue, Squamish from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

If you are an eligible elector in Squamish you may object to the registration of a person on the Voters List, by submitting a written objection to the Chief Election Officer at Municipal Hall, between 9:00 a.m. August 30, 2022 and 4:00 p.m. September 9, 2022.

OMITTING PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM THE VOTERS LIST

Voters may request that their address and other information be omitted from or obscured on the Voters List to protect their privacy or security. Contact the Election Office for more details.

For more information, visit squamish.ca, write election@squamish.ca, or contact the Squamish Election Office at 604.892.5217.

What if I'm not on the Voter's List?

You must bring at least **two** documents that provide evidence of your **identity**, (such as Driver's Licence, BC Identification Card, Social Insurance Card, Passport, BC Carecard, Birth Certificate, Citizenship Card, Credit Card) evidence of your **current place of residence** in the District of Squamish (such as telephone bill, hydro bill, property tax notice, personalized cheque) and at least one of these documents must contain your **signature**.

If you are unable to provide evidence of your current place of residence, you will need to make a solemn declaration as to your place of residence before being permitted to register. The declaration is available at the voting place.

VOTING Section

Where do I Vote?

General Voting Day is October 15, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Brennan Park Recreation Centre, 1009 Centennial Way, Squamish.

What if I will be away on Voting Day?

Advance Voting Opportunities will be provided at the following:

Location: **The 55 Activity Centre, 1210 Village Green Way**

- October 3 - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- October 5 – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- October 6 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: **Brennan Park Recreation Centre, 1009 Centennial Way**

- October 8 – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- October 11 – 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- October 12 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mail in Ballot info:

The District of Squamish offers electors the option to vote by mail. Electors wishing to vote by mail ballot are required to apply by giving their name and address to the Chief Election Officer before the end of general voting day (October 15, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.). Upon receipt of a mail ballot request, the Chief Election Officer will review and make available to the applicant a mail ballot package containing information advising the elector of the mail ballot voting procedures and instructions as to how the package must be completed and returned. The completed mail ballot package must be returned to the Chief Election Officer no later than the close of voting on general voting day (8:00 p.m. on October 15, 2022).

If the elector requires the mail ballot package to be couriered, the elector must cover the expense of the courier.

Can I get help when I vote?

If you need help with voting, you may ask the Election Official in charge at the voting place to assist you. You may also bring someone with you to the voting place to help you vote. This person must complete a solemn declaration to preserve the secrecy of your ballot, to mark the ballot according to your wishes and to not attempt to influence how you vote. The declaration is available at the voting place.

If you have difficulty reading or writing English, you may bring a translator to assist you in the voting process. The translator must complete a solemn declaration of assistance in order to provide translation assistance. The declaration is available at the voting place.

If you are unable to enter the voting place, you may ask for assistance to vote outside the voting place (curbside voting). It will be necessary for you to bring someone with you who can advise the election officials that you need help outside the voting place.

I don't live in the District of Squamish but I own property there, can I vote?

Yes, if you qualify as a non-resident property elector. To qualify, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be at least 18 years old on voting day;
- have lived in British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before voting day;
- be the registered owner of real property in the District of Squamish for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration;
- not be eligible to vote as a resident elector;
- only register in relation to one piece of property;
- have not been disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other Act from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

If more than one person owns the property, only one owner may register and that person **must have** the written consent of a majority of the other owners.

Non-resident property electors are required to fill out an application for registration as a non-resident property elector and provide proof of ownership of the property showing the names of all owners (ie. Land Title Certificate), two pieces of identification confirming identity and a non-resident property elector consent form indicating consent of a majority of the registered owners, if there is more than one owner. **Please note that property tax bills do not always indicate all of the owners of property (only the first 2) and are not accepted.**

Non-resident property electors are encouraged to fill out the application and produce the required documentation at Municipal Hall, 37955 Second Avenue between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday prior to Friday, October 14, 2022. Once the application process is complete, non-resident electors will be issued a certificate of registration as a non-resident property elector which they can produce along with their identification confirming their identity at the time of voting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Section

Where can I get more information regarding the election?

Inquiries may be directed to the election office at Municipal Hall:

Chief Election Officer:

Robin Arthurs, General Manager of Corporate Services

Deputy Chief Election Officers:

Charlene Pawluk, Manager of Legislative Services

Melissa von Bloedau, Legislative Services Supervisor

Email: election@squamish.ca

Phone: 604.892.5217

or

drop in at Municipal Hall, 37955 Second Avenue between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

or visit the [ElectionsBC](https://www.electionsbc.ca) website