



DISTRICT OF LANTZVILLE Community Update

September 2022 SPECIAL EDITION: 2022 General Local Election



District of Lantzville Electors *VOTE* on October 5, 12, or 15, 2022

To elect, for a four-year term:

- one **Mayor**,
- four **Councillors**, AND, subject to your residential address,
- if you live in School District #68, nine **School Trustees** OR
- if you live in School District #69 – Area E, one **School Trustee**

For more information about the School Trustee elections, visit sd68.bc.ca and sd69.bc.ca.

Vote by Mail ...or Vote In Person on ADVANCE VOTING DAYS

Wednesday, October 5th & 12th

8:00 am - 8:00 pm at Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road

Advance Voting is Open to All Electors

All ballots are counted when general voting closes on October 15th at 8:00 pm

GENERAL VOTING DAY

Saturday, October 15th

8:00 am - 8:00 pm at Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road

This October, in every municipality across BC, electors have an opportunity to make a difference in their community! Local government is responsible for a wide range of services that affect you in your everyday life: From land use and community planning, to the maintenance of roads, parks, and trails, to recreation, waste collection, bylaw enforcement, fire rescue and the provision of sewer service and potable water. You have the opportunity to impact these services and the long-term vision for Lantzville when you vote to elect your 2022-2026 Council. Council adopts policies and bylaws that map the future of Lantzville and govern day-to-day operations delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer and staff to implement and manage. Council has appointed a Chief Election Officer (CEO) and Deputy CEO to run the election process in accordance with legislation and local bylaws.

Qualified *Resident Electors* and *Non-resident Property Electors* can choose from several voting opportunities for the 2022 General Local Election, including Advance Voting, voting on General Voting Day or Vote by Mail (includes individual pick-up/delivery options). On Voting Days, October 5th, 12th or 15th electors can enter Costin Hall, go directly to the table that displays the first letter of your last name, declare your eligibility and sign the voting book, to be issued your ballot. If you are not on the List of Registered Electors, you will be referred to the New Registrations table to show ID and register to receive your ballot. It only takes a short time to vote and make a difference in your community. Check to see if your neighbour needs a ride to the Voting Place. Let's continue our community's great voter turnout history! Your vote counts! **VOTE by mail or in person at Costin Hall October 5th, 12th or 15th!**

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Your VOTE Counts — on October 5th, 12th or 15th

Do you need assistance to vote?

Accessible—The Voting Place October 5th, 12th, and 15th (Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road) is wheelchair accessible.

Curbside voting—If you can make it to the Voting Place but are unable to enter the Voting Place because of physical disability or impaired mobility:

- Call the Chief Election Officer at 250.268.4665; OR
- have someone come into the Voting Place; and ask for “curbside voting”.

Election Officials will: Bring a ballot to you in your vehicle in the parking lot, wait while you mark the ballot, and deposit the ballot into the vote counting unit in the Voting Place, on your behalf.

Marking your ballot— You can ask an election official, friend or relative to help you if you are unable to mark your own ballot. The *Local Government Act* requires the person assisting an elector to first make a solemn declaration with the Chief Election Officer to

commit to: Preserve the secrecy of the ballot, mark the ballot as you instruct and not attempt to influence how you vote.

Translation—Bring someone to assist you if you need a translator. The translator will also need to make a solemn declaration that they are able to make the translation and will do so to the best of their ability.

NOTE: Candidates, their representatives and financial agents must not assist electors.

Who is qualified to vote?

You can vote in the District of Lantzville General Local Election as a *Resident Elector* if you are:

- a Canadian citizen (excludes landed immigrants, permanent residents and corporations);
- 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day;
- a resident of BC for at least six months immediately before the day of registration;
- a resident in the District of Lantzville; AND
- not disqualified by law from voting.

Own property in Lantzville but do not live here?

If you do not live in Lantzville, but own property here, you can register to vote as a *Non-resident Property Elector (NRPE)* if you:

- are not eligible as a *Resident Elector* in Lantzville;
- are eligible to vote as a *Resident Elector* in another municipality or regional district in BC;
- are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust; AND
- own property in the District of Lantzville for at least 30 days immediately before registration.

You may only register as a *NRPE* in relation to one piece of property. If you own property with a corporation, none of the property owners are eligible to vote. If more than one person owns the property, only one of the owners may register and that person must have the written *consent of the majority of the owners. For *NRPE* Voter Registration and *Consent Forms, call 250.933.8082 or 250.933.8081, except on Voting Days call 250.268.4665.

Is identification required? ID is not required if your name is on the List of Registered Electors. If you are not on the List, qualified electors may register when voting. Bring at least two documents that prove who you are and where you live - one must have your signature. Acceptable ID includes: BC Driver’s Licence (when BC Service Card is combined it is considered as one document), BC Identification Card, photo or non-photo BC Services Card, ICBC Owner’s Certificate of Insurance & Vehicle Licence, BC CareCard or Gold CareCard, Ministry of Social Development & Economic Security Continued Assistance SDES8, Social Insurance Card, Cdn Citizenship Card, Property Tax Notice, Savings Institution Credit or Debit Card, utility bill. *Non-resident Property Electors* also need a recent Title Search, and, if more than one property owner, a signed *Consent Form. For forms, a copy of the Provincial acceptable ID regulation, or information about a residency declaration in lieu, call 250.933.8082 or 250.933.8081; on Voting Days call 250.268.4665.

Vote by Mail!

All qualified Lantzville *Resident Electors* and *Non-resident Property Electors* are eligible to apply to vote by mail. All ballots received by Vote by Mail will be counted at the close of voting on October 15th.

Electors who wish to vote by mail should contact the Chief Election Officer **NOW** to obtain an application. On the form you will indicate if you or someone else will be picking up your mail ballot package at the Municipal Hall or if you want the package mailed to your residence or another address. Ballot packages will be available soon. It is your responsibility to ensure that your mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer **before** the close of voting at 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

...*VOTE to ELECT* your 2022 - 2026 Council!

How do you mark the ballot?

After declaring you are eligible, signing the voting book and receiving your ballot, immediately proceed to a voting booth. The names of the candidates for Mayor, Councillor and School Trustee will be listed in alphabetical order by the last name. The District uses an automated vote counting system. Votes marked on the ballot are 'read' by an optical scanning device in the vote counting unit.

Do NOT mark your ballot with a (√) or (X). Instead, mark the ballot by completely filling in the oval to the left of the candidate(s) of your choice, using only the pencil provided.

Undervoting (voting for fewer candidates than seats available, e.g., for one Councillor instead of four) or not voting at all in some races, is permitted and votes marked will be counted.

If you inadvertently spoil your ballot, request a new ballot.



After marking your ballot, place it in a secrecy folder or hold it so it is not visible,

and proceed to the vote counting unit. Place your ballot face down on the vote counting unit and wait for your ballot to be accepted. If the ballot is not accepted, the unit indicates and the Election staff will assist you, e.g., if you overvoted in one race will refer you to the CEO to obtain a new ballot, or resubmit the ballot as marked if you wish (voids vote for overvoted race).

Voting rules and regulations!

This election is regulated by the *Community Charter*, the *Local Government Act*, the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act (LECF)* and the *District of Lantzville Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 160, 2018*.

Some key rules to follow on Voting Days:

- No campaigning within 100 metres of the Voting Place, including no displaying signs, ads, bumper stickers, posters, buttons, flyers or other material that advocates for or against a candidate
- No influencing voters within 100 metres of the Voting Place
- Only eligible electors are permitted in the Voting Place – and they must leave immediately after voting. 'Future voters' (children) are welcome, subject to close adult supervision
- Voting is by secret ballot – no talking about how you or someone else votes, no displaying your ballot, and only one person per voting booth (except for person sworn to assist voter)
- No vote buying or intimidation
- No signing false statements or declarations
- Turn off all cameras, phones and technology **BEFORE** entering the Voting Place – it is unlawful to reproduce a ballot or to leave with a ballot
- No TV, radio or newspaper campaign ads on General Voting Day, Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Election offences can result in a \$10,000 fine and up to two years in prison. Elections BC administers, investigates and enforces the campaign financing disclosure and election advertising rules under LECFA. RCMP investigate election offences under the LGA such as vote buying, intimidation, campaigning near the Voting Place during voting proceedings.

The rules for local government elections are different than the rules for Provincial and Federal elections, and have changed since 2018. Particularly regarding campaign financing, election advertising, election expense limits, third party sponsors, and campaign contribution limits, e.g., banning campaign contributions from organizations, including corporations and unions, and contributions from outside of BC. The maximum campaign contribution permitted is \$1,250. Here are some of the rules and what's changed:

- *Resident Elector* 30-day residency removed
- Vote by Mail voting open to all electors
- 2022 Candidate Campaign Expense limits are:
Mayor: \$10,797.83 **Councillor:** \$5,398.92
Third Party Advertising Sponsors: \$809.84 during the Campaign Period Sept 17th – Oct 15th
- Third Party Advertising Sponsors must register with Elections BC before advertising for or against a candidate or their issue
- Cooperatives, stratas and rental properties are required to grant reasonable access to candidates and their canvassers from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm during Campaign Period (Sept 17th – Oct 15th)
- Election signs prohibited on public or private property until the start of the Campaign Period Sept 17th; must be removed by Oct 22nd. Signs and advertising must include authorization statement.

For more information, view the videos, guides and legislation, published on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Elections BC and District of Lantzville websites. Call Elections BC (1.800.661.8683) with any campaign financing (including campaign expense limits or campaign contribution limits) or election advertising questions.

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What will be on the ballot?

Mayor

Vote for not more than **ONE (1)**

- POTTIE, Stan
- SWAIN, Mark

Councillor

Vote for not more than **FOUR (4)**

- DUNN, John
- JONES, Joan
- LERNER, Jonathan
- MAYES, Shandra
- MUNDELL, Rachelle
- SAVAGE, Ian
- WIESE, Karl

School Trustee

School District No. 68
(Nanaimo-Ladysmith)

Vote for not more than **NINE (9)**

- BAILEY, Naomi
- BRZOVIC, Tania
- GASSON, Andrew
- KELLER, Greg
- LEE, Leanne
- MCKAY Charlene
- MORVAY, Chantelle
- PELLEGRIN, Leana
- ROBINSON, Bill
- ROBINSON, Mark
- ROKEBY, Tom
- SCOTT, Tanner

OR (depending on your residential address)

School Trustee

School District No. 69—Area E

Vote for not more than **ONE (1)**

- FLYNN, Eve
- PERRY, Phillip

Note: This sample ballot is for illustration purposes only.

Questions about Candidates?

Be an informed voter! Read the local newspapers, check out candidates' campaign materials (brochures, signs, websites), and attend any public All-Candidates forums organized by local community groups. [Groups can email contact info/schedule to vote@lantzville.ca for the CEO to post on the District website] Take every opportunity to ask candidates questions: How does each candidate plan to address the issues that are of concern to you and your family? What are each candidate's priorities for your community?

It is the responsibility of the municipality to conduct the election and, as such, we must retain independence and neutrality. Therefore, we only provide candidate contact and All-Candidates forum information on our website — the District of Lantzville does not promote any candidate or provide candidate campaign information.

What happens after the polls close?

After closing the Voting Place to electors at 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 15th, Election Officials (EOs) deposit the Vote by Mail ballots into a vote counting unit. Then, with scrutineers and candidates observing if they wish, EOs print the results tapes from all voting opportunities, showing the number of votes for each candidate and tally the results.

View these preliminary results at <https://bc.localelections.ca>, lantzville.ca, and on the Municipal Hall bulletin board.

Final determination of election results starts at 10:00 am, Monday, October 17, 2022. The Chief Election Officer must declare the official results before 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

The last regular Council meeting of the 2018-2022 Council is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The elected Council's four-year term of office starts when they take their Oath of Office at the Inaugural Council meeting at Costin Hall on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm. This is a public meeting and you are invited to attend!

Why vote? Local elections are the foundation of democratic local governments in BC. Our right to vote is a precious right — use it!

Voter Turnout History

Year	Voter Turnout %
2018	47.3
2015	37.0
2014	49.4
2011	44.1
2008	21.6

DISCLAIMER - In the event that there is inconsistency between this newsletter and the Local Government Act, the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act, or any other Act, the legislation shall prevail.

Do you have questions about voting or general local elections?

Visit lantzville.ca or Municipal Hall, or contact:

Trudy Coates, Chief Election Officer
P: 250.933.8082 (250.268.4665 on Voting Days)
E: vote@lantzville.ca

Nelda Richardson, Deputy Chief Election Officer
P: 250.933.8081 (250.268.4665 on Voting Days)
E: vote@lantzville.ca

Contact Ministry of Municipal Affairs:

W: gov.bc.ca/localelections P: 1.800.663.7867
E: LGgovernance@gov.bc.ca

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W: elections.bc.ca P: 1.800.661.8683
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The next general local election after 2022, will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026!

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