



DISTRICT OF LANTZVILLE Community Update

September 2018 SPECIAL EDITION: 2018 General Local Election

District of Lantzville Electors *VOTE* on October 10, 17, or 20, 2018

To elect, for a four-year term:

- one **Mayor**,
- four **Councillors**, AND,
- if you live in School District #68, nine **School Trustees** OR
- if you live in School District #69, no vote for School Trustee as the School District #69 Trustee was elected by acclamation

For more information about the School District #68 Trustee election, visit www.sd68.bc.ca.

ADVANCE VOTING DAYS

Wednesday, October 10th & 17th

8:00 am - 8:00 pm Municipal Hall, 2nd Floor, 7192 Lantzville Road

Advance Voting is Open to All Electors

All ballots are counted when general voting closes on October 20th at 8:00 pm

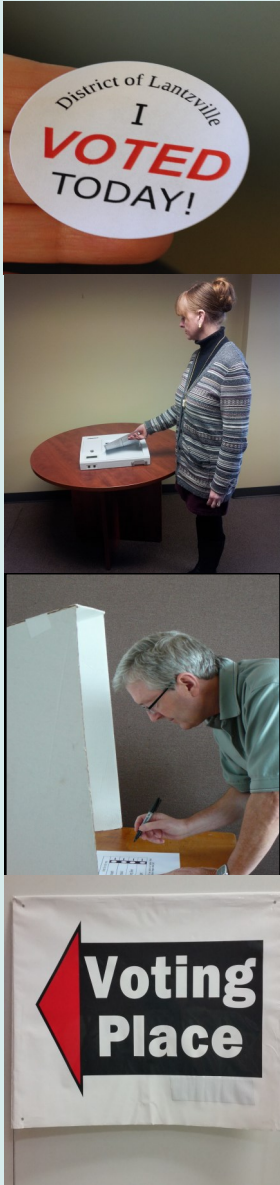
GENERAL VOTING DAY

Saturday, October 20, 2018

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 future of Lantzville when you vote to elect your 2018-2022 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* and *Non-resident Property Electors* can choose from several voting opportunities for the 2018 General Local Election, including Advance Voting, voting on General Voting Day or Vote by Mail if you cannot attend other voting opportunities. On General Voting Day, Saturday, October 20th electors can enter the Voting Place, 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/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 history of record-breaking voter turnout! Your vote counts! **VOTE October 10th, 17th or 20th!**



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Your VOTE Counts — on October 10th, 17th or 20th

Do you need assistance to vote?

Accessible— Both Voting Places (Municipal Hall, Council Chamber 2nd Floor, on October 10th & 17th and Costin Hall on October 20th) are 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 250.714.4093; 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 sign 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 sign 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 (landed immigrants and corporations are not eligible);
- 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day;
- a resident of BC for at least six months immediately preceding the day of registration;
- a resident in the District of Lantzville for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration; 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 eligible to vote as a *Resident Elector* in another municipality or regional district in BC and not in Lantzville; AND
- own property in the District of Lantzville for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of 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. Call the Chief Election Officer for *NRPE* Voter Registration and Consent Forms (250.933.8082).

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, BC Identification Card, Photo or Non-photo BC Services Card, ICBC Vehicle Insurance Documents, BC CareCard or Gold CareCard, Ministry of SD & ES Continued Assistance SDES8, Social Insurance Card, Citizenship Card, Property Tax Notice, Financial Institution Credit or Debit Card, Utility Bill. *Non-resident Property Electors* must also bring a recent Title Search, and, if more than one property owner, a signed *Consent Form. For forms, the Provincial regulation that lists acceptable ID, or information about swearing a residency declaration, call 250.933.8082.

Vote by Mail!

Eligible 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 District of Lantzville on General Voting Day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities.

Electors who are eligible and 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 20, 2018.

...*VOTE to ELECT* your 2018 - 2022 Council!

How do you mark the ballot?

After signing the voting book and receiving your ballot, immediately proceed to a voting booth to vote. 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 next to the candidate(s) of your choice, using only the black pen 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 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. Simple! If the ballot is not accepted, the Election Official will assist you, e.g. if you overvoted, will refer you to obtain a new ballot or submit the ballot as marked.

Voting rules and regulations!

This election is regulated by the *Community Charter*, the *Local Government Act*, the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act (LECFA)* 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 a secret ballot – no talking about how you or someone else votes, no displaying your ballot and only one person per voting booth
- 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
- No TV, radio or newspaper campaign ads on General Voting Day, Saturday, October 20, 2018.

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*.

The rules for local government elections are different than the rules for Provincial and Federal elections, and have changed since 2014. 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 from outside of BC.

The Province and Elections BC have published videos and guides to provide information as well as examples, of how the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* apply, including the following guides:

- General Local Elections 101
- Voter's Guide to Local Elections in BC
- Candidate's Guide to Local Government Elections in BC
- Elector Organization Guide to Local Government Elections in BC
- Supporting a Candidate for Local Elections in BC
- What Every Candidate Needs to Know
- Guide to Local Elections Campaign Financing in BC for Candidates and their Financial Agents
- Guide to Local Elections Campaign Financing in BC for Elector Organizations and their Financial Agents
- Guide for Local Elections Third Party Sponsors in BC

View guides, videos and election information on the websites of the Province, Elections BC, or the District of Lantzville. Call Elections BC (1.855.952.0280) with any campaign financing or advertising questions.

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What will be on the ballot?

Mayor

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

- COLCLOUGH, Bob
- POTTIE, Stanley
- SWAIN, Mark

Councillor

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

- DUNN, John
- GESELBRACHT, Will Wyn
- MOODY, Joan
- NEARY, Dot
- NEIS, Scott
- PARKHURST, Douglas
- PROCTOR, Karen
- SAVAGE, Ian Cameron
- WILLIAMS, Calvin
- WILSON, Jamie

School Trustee

School District No. 68
(Nanaimo-Ladysmith)

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

- BARD, Bill
- BARRON, Lisa Marie
- BRZOVIC, Tania
- CLARKE, Jennifer
- EHRISMANN, Hunter
- FINNEGAN, Richard
- FURTMANN, Corinne
- GRAND, Patti
- HIGGINSON, Stephanie
- KELLER, Greg
- KIMLER, Scott
- MCKAY, Charlene
- O'NEILL, Chantel
- ROBINSON, Bill
- SAUNDERS, TerryLynn
- SKOGLAND, Jen
- STANLEY, Jessica
- SULLIVAN, Marilyn
- SZELER, Matt
- WILKINSON, Elaine

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 – we do not promote any candidate or provide candidate campaign information.

Note: This sample ballot is for illustration purposes only.

What happens after the polls close?

After closing the Voting Place to electors at 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 20th, 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>, www.lantzville.ca, and on the Municipal Hall bulletin board.

Final determination of election results starts at 10:00 am, Monday, October 22, 2018. The Chief Election Officer must declare the official results before 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

The last regular Council meeting of the 2014-2018 Council is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

The elected Council's four-year term of office starts when they are sworn in at the Inaugural Council meeting at Costin Hall on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 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 %
2015	37.0
2014	49.4
2011	44.1
2008	21.6
2005	51.4

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 will prevail.

Do you have questions about voting or general local elections?

Visit www.lantzville.ca or Municipal Hall, or contact:
Trudy Coates, Chief Election Officer
P: 250.933.8082 (250.714.4093 on Voting Days)
E: vote@lantzville.ca

Joan Harrison, Deputy Chief Election Officer
P: 250.390.4006
E: vote@lantzville.ca

Visit the Provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Elections BC websites, or call:
www.gov.bc.ca/localelections P: 1.250.387.4020
www.elections.bc.ca/lecf P: 1.855.952.0280

Election results will be posted at:

- www.lantzville.ca
- <https://bc.localelections.ca>

The next general local election after 2018, will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022!