

CAMPBELL RIVER KIDS-VOTE 2018

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Have kids? This year, they can try voting through our Kids-Vote program as part of our 2018 Local Government Election!

WHY KIDS-VOTE 2018?

We want to encourage kids at polling stations. Giving children the chance to experience the election process first hand is a way to remind them about the importance of voting in future.



KIDS-VOTE 2018 TAKES PLACE AT ALL POLLS

During Advance Polls on Wednesdays, Oct, 10 and 17, and on General Voting Day, Saturday, Oct 20, children under 18 can accompany parents/guardians and vote on three questions printed on a special Kids-Vote ballot.

HOW KIDS-VOTE 2018 WORKS

Polling stations are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Unlike the adults, children won't need to register on the electors list. But, just like the grown-ups, we encourage kids to read the questions, think about their answers, and plan their votes before they cast their ballot. See back page for information to assist adults with leading a discussion around voting.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER KIDS VOTE?

Children who participate in Campbell River's 2018 Kids-Vote will get an **I voted!** sticker and a high-five on their way out the door.

The **results** of the **KIDS-VOTE 2018** will be shared on the City website following General Voting Day.

KIDS-VOTE 2018 BALLOT

This is the ballot that will be available at the polling stations for kids to fill in.



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INSTRUCTIONS



To vote, check the circle of your choice on the left like this: Check one circle for each question.

QUESTION 1

In Campbell River, what is most important to you?



Recreation

i.e. Community Centre, parks, pools, playgrounds



Safety

i.e. Police and fire services



Operations

i.e. Garbage, recycling, water, sewer and roads



Art

i.e. Tidemark theatre, library, festivals, events

QUESTION 2

Which elected role would you like?



Mayor



Councillor



School Trustee

QUESTION 3

What is your favourite City facility or park?



Sportsplex/skate park



Robron artificial turf field



Seawalk



Robert Ostler park and playground



Other _____



MAKE YOUR MARK. VOTE. 





WHY IS VOTING SO IMPORTANT?

Voting in an election is one of the most important things a citizen can do in their community and country. It's a right we sometimes ignore or take for granted.

VOTING:

- **Strengthens** our democracy
- Gives each and every voter a **voice** in their local government
- Makes us a much **stronger community**

EXPLAINING THE PROCESS

Show kids how the voting process works by taking them with you when you vote.

- As you walk through the process together, remind children that voting is a way to select people to make decisions for your community.
- Start with the basics: everyone needs to be a Canadian citizen, a resident of the voting area and at least 18 years old to take part in the election.
- At the polling station, children will see that everyone needs to sign in and wait their turn.
- Once you are given a ballot, explain that grown-ups take the ballot to the voting booth and make a mark next to the person they want to vote for. Then they put the ballot into the ballot box.
- It's not over until all the votes are counted at the end of the night.
- Whoever has the most votes wins.

MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

In Campbell River, the municipal council is made up of one mayor and six councillors. These elected officials are responsible for the existing and future needs of their community by making collective decisions that are recorded in bylaws or resolutions (rules). Each member of council, including the mayor, is entitled to one vote on matters that come before them for discussion and decision. The municipal council makes decision on many things, including: fire and police services, decisions on where people can put businesses or housing, recreation facilities, parks, pools, playgrounds and garbage /recycling services. The municipal council also is responsible for setting the 10-year financial plan (budget), and the amount of money collected from taxpayers living in the community.

Ultimately, municipal councils are responsible for the delivery of local services to their community and the actions taken by the municipality. That's why it's important to elect individuals to roles in local government who will represent **YOU** in the decision making process.

MAYOR, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL	COUNCILLOR, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL	SCHOOL TRUSTEE, SCHOOL BOARD
<p>The Mayor is the head and chief executive officer of the municipality. The mayor has all the responsibilities of a Councillor plus a number of additional responsibilities like signing documents on behalf of the City, speaking on behalf of the City and chairing the Council meetings.</p>	<p>Six Councillors contribute to the development and evaluation of municipal policies and programs, services and other activities. The Councillor and the Mayor vote on what services to provide and how to spend money on behalf of the residents.</p>	<p>School trustees are the members of the school district's board of education. They are locally-elected representatives of the public, and they are the community's advocates for public education in the local school district.</p>



Questions? Please contact, Chief Election Officer, Elle Brovold at 250.286.5709 or Elle.Brovold@CampbellRiver.ca

For more information on **KIDS-VOTE 2018** or on the Election, visit our website at www.campbellriver.ca/election