

## Who is eligible to be a resident elector?

To vote in the Campbell River municipal election as a resident elector, you must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You will be age 18 or older on general voting day (October 20, 2018).
- You are a Canadian citizen.
- You have been a resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the day you register to vote.
- You have been a resident of Campbell River for at least 30 days immediately before the day you register to vote.
- You are not disqualified by the *Local Government Act*, the *School Act*, or any other enactment from voting in an election nor are you otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

## Are landed immigrants eligible to vote?

No. You must be a Canadian citizen to vote.

## What does “resident” mean?

Section 52 of the *Local Government Act* contains rules for determining residence:

52. (1) The following rules apply to determine the area in which a person is a resident:
- (a) a person is a resident of the area where the person lives and to which, whenever absent, the person intends to return;
  - (b) a person may be the resident of only one area at a time for the purposes of this Part;
  - (c) a person does not change the area in which the person is a resident until the person has a new area in which the person is a resident;
  - (d) a person does not cease being a resident of an area by leaving the area for temporary purposes only.
- (2) As an exception to subsection (1), if a person establishes for the purposes of attending an educational institution a new area in which the person is a resident that is away from the usual area in which the person is a resident, the person may choose for the purposes of this Part either the usual area or the new area as the area in which the person is a resident.

## What does “disqualified from voting” mean?

You may not vote in a British Columbia local government election if you:

- have been convicted of an indictable offence and are in custody; or
- have been found guilty of an election offence.

## When I register to vote with the City, will my name be added to the provincial voters list?

Yes. When you register as a resident elector, your information will be forwarded to Elections BC, to be included in the provincial voters list.

# Non-Resident Property Electors: Frequently-Asked Questions

## Who is eligible to be a non-resident property elector?

If you are the registered owner of real property in Campbell River, but you live elsewhere in BC, you have the right to vote both in Campbell River and where you live.

To vote in the Campbell River municipal election as a non-resident property elector, you must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You are not entitled to register as a resident elector in the City of Campbell River (ie. you are not a resident of Campbell River).
- You will be age 18 or older on general voting day (October 20, 2018).
- You are a Canadian citizen.
- You have been a resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the day you register to vote.
- You have been a registered owner of real property in Campbell River for at least 30 days immediately before the day you register to vote.
- The only persons who are registered owners of the real property are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or other trust.
- (If applicable) You have received the written consent of the majority of registered owners for the real property, authorizing you to be registered as the non-resident property elector for this property.
- You have not registered as a non-resident property elector in relation to any other parcel of real property in the City of Campbell River.
- You are not disqualified by the *Local Government Act*, the *School Act*, or any other enactment from voting in an election nor are you otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

## Are landed immigrants eligible to vote?

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## What does “registered owner of real property” mean?

This means whichever of the following is applicable:

- (a) the owner of a registered estate in fee simple of the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraphs (b) to (d);
- (b) the holder of the last registered agreement for sale, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (c) or (d);
- (c) the tenant for life under a registered life interest in the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (d);
- (d) the holder of a registered lease of the property for a term of at least 99 years.

# Non-Resident Property Electors: Frequently-Asked Questions Con't

## **What if the property is registered in my company's name?**

You are not eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector if

- the property is registered in a company's name, or
- you are holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.

## **What if I own property with someone else?**

Only one non-resident property elector may vote with respect to each property. In other words, if two or more individuals own a single piece of property, the majority of the owners must designate one owner as the non-resident property elector for that property. For example, if you co-own the property with one other person, you will need to get the written consent of the other owner to be the designated non-resident property elector for that property. A completed Consent of Registered Owners for Non-Resident Property Elector Registration form must be submitted before registration can take place.

## **What if I own property with someone else, and that person is living on the property?**

The person living on the property may qualify as a resident elector because he or she is a resident of Campbell River. As a non-resident property elector, you are also eligible to vote for that property, but you will still need the written consent of the other owner.

## **What if I own more than one piece of property?**

You may only vote once in an election in Campbell River, no matter how many properties you own. You may, however, vote in elections in different municipalities if you own property there. If, for example, you own one piece of property in a first municipality, and a second piece of property in a second municipality, and you live in a third municipality, then you may vote in the first two municipalities as a non-resident property elector and vote as a resident elector in the municipality that you live in.

## **When I register to vote with the City, will my name be added to the provincial voters list?**

No. When you register as a non-resident property elector, your information will not be included in the provincial voters list. However, the City will keep your name on its own voters list.

## **What does "disqualified from voting" mean?**

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- have been convicted of an indictable offence and are in custody; or
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