



INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2022 LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION

The 2022 general local election for the Village of Midway will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Candidate nomination packages for the positions of Mayor and Councillors will be available from the Village in August of 2022.

Each local government (municipality or regional district) is responsible for conducting its own general local election. Local governments may also conduct school trustee elections on behalf of boards of education. In Midway, the municipality may conduct elections for school trustees.

In 2022 Village of Midway voters will elect one (1) candidate for the position of Mayor, four (4) candidates for the position of Councillors

[Elections BC](#) is responsible for managing campaign financing disclosure requirements, investigations, and enforcing the campaign financing and third-party advertising provisions set out in the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*. Elections BC's role also extends to by-elections and assent voting (referenda) held by local election authorities outside of the general local election cycle.

Key Dates for the 2022 General Local Election:

Election period

The period that begins on January 1 and ends on the 29th day before General Voting Day.

Saturday, January 1, 2022 – Friday, September 16, 2022

Nomination period

The period for local election officials to receive nominations.

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 – Friday, September 9, 2022

Campaign period

The period that begins on the 28th day before General Voting Day and ends at the close of voting on General Voting Day.

Saturday, September 17, 2022 – Saturday, October 15, 2022

General Voting Day

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Campaign financing disclosure statement filing deadline

Visit Election BC Website for more information

Friday, January 13, 2023

Campaign financing disclosure statement late filing deadline with \$500 late filing fee

Monday, February 13, 2023

Nomination period for the 2022 Election will be Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until nomination close on Friday, September 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Nomination Packages will be available at the Municipal Office during working hours in August of 2022.

Qualifications to run for Local Government Office:

To qualify as a candidate for local government office, at the time of nomination a person must meet the following criteria:

- You must be 18 years of age or older on general voting day
- You must be a Canadian Citizen
- You must be a resident of BC for at least six (6) months prior to the date of nomination
- Not disqualified by any statute or law, from being nominated, elected or holding office

Nominees must be nominated by two (2) electors of the Village of Midway. Nominees (the candidate) are **not** required to be residents or non-resident property owners in the Village of Midway.

Serving the Community - Time Commitment:

If you are elected to local office, you will be expected to serve the 2022-2026 term.

Be aware that holding a position in local office can be time consuming. In addition to regular meetings, you may also be asked to serve on special committees, task forces, boards or commissions that may also require a significant time commitment both with attending meetings and preparing for them.

Further detailed information about candidacy can be found at Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing www.gov.bc.ca/localelections

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Elections BC administers campaign financing, disclosure and election advertising rules under the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*. Elections BC does **not** administer voting or candidate nominations for local elections. For more information, see [Who Does What in Local Elections](#).

Candidate nominations

Elections BC does not administer candidate nominations for local elections in B.C. Prospective candidates should contact the Chief Election Officer in the jurisdiction they wish to run in for nomination forms and information about the candidate nomination process.

New rules for the 2022 General Local Elections

There are new campaign financing and advertising rules for the 2022 General Local Elections that candidates, elector organizations, and third-party advertisers need to be aware of. Key changes include:

- Elector organizations must register with Elections BC to endorse a candidate, receive a campaign contribution, or incur an election expense. Read more about [new rules for elector organizations](#).
- [Sponsorship contribution limits](#) apply to contributions made by eligible individuals to third party sponsors.
- During the pre-campaign period beginning on July 18, 2022, [third party advertising rules](#) apply.
- All election advertising during the pre-campaign period must include an authorization statement.

If you have any questions about the campaign financing and advertising rules in local elections, contact us at 1-800-661-8683 or electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca.

How do I register to vote?

You do not need to register in advance. To vote on voting day, you must bring **two pieces of identification** to the voting place.

How do I qualify as a voter if I live in Midway?

You must be:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election or assent voting; and
- A Canadian citizen; and
- A resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- A resident of the Village of Midway for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- Not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

How do I qualify as an elector if I don't live in Midway, but own property in Midway?

You must be:

- 18 years of age older on general voting day for the election or assent voting;
- A Canadian Citizens; and
- A resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- A registered owner of real property in the Village of Midway for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- Not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- Not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law; and
- If there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

If you live in another jurisdiction and own property in Midway and wish to vote, you will have to provide proof that your entitled to register in relation to your property and provide written consent of the registered owners of the property by completing Non-Resident Property Elector Consent form. Please call the Chief Election Officer at the Village Office at 250-449-2222 for more information.

What identification do I need to vote?

Your identification must provide evidence of your identity and place of residence, at least one of which must contain your signature. Acceptable identification includes

- a British Columbia Driver's Licence,
- a BC identification card within the meaning of the Identification Card Regulation,
- a photo BC services card within the meaning of the Identification Card Regulation,
- a non-photo BC services card within the meaning of the Identification Card Regulation,
- an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia,
- a British Columbia CareCard or British Columbia Gold CareCard,
- a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8,
- a Social Insurance Number card or confirmation of Social Insurance Number letter issued by the government of Canada,
- a Citizenship Card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada,
- a real property tax notice issued under section 369 of the *Local Government Act* or section 21 of the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act*,
- a credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution as defined in section 29 of the *Interpretation Act*, or
- a utility bill issued for the supply of electricity, natural gas, water, telephone services or coaxial cable services by
 - a public utility as defined in section 1 of the *Utilities Commission Act*,
 - a gas utility as defined in section 1 of the *Gas Utility Act*,
 - a water utility as defined in section 1 of the *Water Act*,
 - the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, or
 - a corporation licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission for the purposes of that supply.

Can I vote if I can't get into the voting place?

If you are unable to enter the voting place due to a physical disability or impaired mobility, we can accommodate you by bringing a ballot to you at a location near the voting place, e.g., to a vehicle outside the voting place. Please call the chief election officer at 250-449-2222 for more information or have someone make the request to the presiding election official on voting day.

More Information

In British Columbia, municipal elections are conducted according to the regulations set out in the BC *Local Government Act*.

More information on local government elections and voting may be found from the [Province of BC](#) website.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections?keyword=Local&keyword=Government&keyword=Elections>

Contact Information

Please contact Penny Feist, Chief Election Officer or Tami Peters, Deputy Election Officer at 250-449-2222 if you have any questions.

Candidate Resources – visit elections.bc.ca