

Local Government Election 2008

Welcome to the City of Port Alberni's Election Site

The following provides general information about the municipal election this fall, including elector qualifications and information for those interested in running for office. Included are links to valuable local government election information. Public Notices regarding the 2008 Local Government Election may be viewed at the Public Notice Posting Place.

Chief Election Officer: Russell Dyson (email: russell_dyson@portalberni.ca
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The 2008 Local Government Election in the City of Port Alberni will be held on:

Saturday, November 15, 2008

The Voting Place shall be:

Glenwood Centre, 4480 Vimy Street

Electors in the City of Port Alberni will vote to elect the following:

- A Mayor
- Six Councillors
- Six School Trustees

Electors may be asked to express their views on any Referendum Questions. Currently there are no referendum questions proposed.

Advanced Voting Opportunities will be available on:

Wednesday, November 5 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm
at City Hall, 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, BC

Wednesday, November 12 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm
at the Alberni Elementary Community School Gym, via the Arrowsmith Road entrance

Please check with the Chief Electoral Officer for other voting opportunities.

Elector Qualifications

In order to vote in the City of Port Alberni municipal elections you must not be disqualified from voting in an election and you must satisfy the qualifications of either a resident elector or non-resident property elector as follows:

Resident Elector

- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day for the election;
- Be a resident of the City of Port Alberni for at least 30 days before General Voting Day;
- Have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately preceding General Voting Day for the election.

Non-Resident Property Elector

- Not entitled to register as a resident elector in the City of Port Alberni;
- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day for the election;
- Have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately preceding General Voting Day for the election.
- Have been a registered owner of real property in the City of Port Alberni for at least 30 days;
- Not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust;
- Not registered as a non-resident property elector in relation to any other parcel of real property in the City of Port Alberni;
- 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. (Consent forms must be completed in advance. They are available at City Hall).

Voters' List

The City of Port Alberni utilizes the provincial Voters' List. Are you on the list? Please check with the City Clerk's department (250-723-2146) and they will advise if you are on the list and if you are not, they will provide detailed instructions for registering.

Are you Interested In Running for Council or the School Board?

Elections for the offices of Mayor, Councillors and School Trustees are for three year terms commencing December 1, 2008.

Nomination packages for Mayor and Councillors can be picked up at City Hall from the City Clerk's Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except Statutory Holidays). The Chief Election Officer is also available outside business hours. Please call for an appointment (250-720-2810). Nomination packages

for School Trustees are available from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District office at 3008 - 5th Avenue, Port Alberni BC, phone 250-720-2700.

The nomination period begins September 30 at 9:00 am and closes October 10, 2008 at 4:00 pm.

Please remember if you are to be a candidate all campaign finances including the amount of money, value of property or services provided, must be accounted for in your election campaign. The *Local Government Act* considers a campaign to commence with the promotion of a candidate or the course of action advocated by a candidate. This makes it possible for an Election campaign to commence before the person is nominated. Further information regarding campaigning and the reporting requirements are available from the Chief Election Officer.

Who May be Nominated?

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Be 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election;
- Be a resident of the British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before nomination papers are filed;
- Not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding office, or be other disqualified by law.

Additional Information Regarding Municipal Elections and Local Government

City of Port Alberni "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005" and "Election Bylaw, No. 4589, 2005, Amendment No. 1, Bylaw No. 4700"

The Ministry of Community Development, Candidate's Guide for Local Elections in BC, has been updated for 2008. The Guide is at:

www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov_structure/library/local_elections_candidate_guide.pdf

The *Local Government Act*, part 3, is the provincial legislation which governs municipal elections, the complete text of the *Act* is available at:

www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/L/96323_00.htm

For further information regarding the City of Port Alberni 2008 municipal election, please contact the Chief Election Officer, Russell Dyson, telephone number 250-720-2810, or by email at: russell_dyson@portalberni.ca.