



Your Vote, Your Voice - It Makes a Difference

The 2018 municipal election is fast approaching and your vote will determine Port Alberni's future direction. On October 20, 2018, you will help build the next City of Port Alberni Council. Comprised of a mayor and six councillors, each elected official will serve as your City representative for a four year term. These individuals will shape the vision and goals of Port Alberni. They will provide policy direction on major projects and land use, determine City priorities and allocate municipal funds. With so many important tasks and decisions that affect you, it is important that you get to the polls and vote.

General voting day is **Saturday, October 20, 2018**, at the Alberni Athletic Hall, 3727 Roger Street. Polls are open from 8 am to 8 pm. To help you prepare for voting day, check out these important facts:

01 Advanced Voting

If you are unable to vote on October 20th, there are two advance voting opportunities on:

- Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at Echo Centre, 4255 Wallace Street, Port Alberni, 8 am to 8 pm.
- Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at City Hall, 4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni, 8 am to 8 pm.

02 Required Identification

The Provincial Voters' List will no longer be used. All voters will register on the day of voting at either the advance voting polls or on general voting day.

When arriving to vote, you will be required to provide two pieces of identification: one containing your name and address, the other containing your name and signature.

03 Voter Eligibility

You are eligible to vote in the City of Port Alberni as a resident elector if you:

- are a Canadian citizen; AND
- are 18 years of age or older [October 20, 2000] on or before general voting day; AND
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months before you register to vote [April 19, 2018 is the last day to meet six month registration requirement]; AND

- have lived in the City of Port Alberni for at least 30 days or more before you register to vote [September 19, 2018 is last day to meet 30 day residency requirement]; AND
- have not been disqualified by the Local Government Act, or any other act, from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

04 Non-resident Property Elector

Own property in the City of Port Alberni, but live somewhere else in British Columbia? You may be eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector if you:

- are a Canadian citizen; AND
- are 18 years of age or older [October 20, 2000] on or before general voting day; AND
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months before you register to vote [April 19, 2018 is the last day to meet six month registration requirement]; AND
- have owned property in the City of Port Alberni for at least 30 days or more before you register to vote [September 19, 2018 is the last day to meet 30 day ownership requirement]; AND
- must not be eligible to register as a resident elector in the City of Port Alberni; AND
- have not been disqualified by the Local Government Act, or any other act, from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

PORT ALBERNI CITY CONNECT



Let's Connect Port Alberni!

The City of Port Alberni wants you to stay informed and be heard. Let's Connect Port Alberni, the City's newest engagement platform, allows us to keep you up to date on the projects that matter most to you. Go to **letsconnectpa.ca** to see what we're doing to preserve, protect and enhance your community.

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

The City of Port Alberni treats wastewater from approximately 18,000 people in the Alberni Valley using a centralized wastewater treatment plant and lagoon that has been in place since the 1950's. With the infrastructure aging and the Canadian wastewater treatment standards changing, the City is undertaking major upgrades starting this fall.

The upgrades will be carried out in four phases and take approximately two years to complete, with restoration to follow.

When complete, the upgraded plant and lagoon will:

- improve effluent quality (treated wastewater for discharge)
- provide enhanced environmental protection
- increase operational capacity
- meet the current Canadian wastewater treatment standards

By improving the collection, treatment and disposal of our wastewater, we ensure the continued health and well-being of our community, as well as the natural habitat we hold so dear.

For more on this important project, visit: **letsconnectpa.ca**



DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Port Alberni launched a new Parks, Recreation & Heritage website! Go to **playinpa.ca** to check out the latest City programs, view drop-in schedules and sign up for your favourite classes and activities – all from the comfort of your own home; any device, any day, any time.

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Community Investment Program Open for Application

The Community Investment Program is an initiative of the City of Port Alberni to help develop and support arts, culture, recreation, and other community services.

By supporting the work of not-for-profit organizations throughout the community, the City works to achieve its social, economic and cultural goals for its residents. The program also builds capacity within the community to improve our community's quality of life by broadening residents' access to recreational, social and cultural opportunities that might not otherwise be available.

The grants include the provision of both in-kind services, such as City facility rentals, utilities, event tents, and bus tickets, and the provision of cash grants.

If you're a member of a local not-for-profit organization that could benefit from a small grant or other support, please visit portalberni.ca/community-investment-program to see if you qualify.

The 2019 grant application deadline is November 1, 2018. Don't delay, apply today.



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