

2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION



August 2, 2018

Information for residents of Hupacasath First Nation Ahahswinis IR#1 and Klehkoot IR#2

The following is provided to assist residents of the Hupacasath First Nation Ahahswinis and Klehkoot Reserves determine their eligibility to vote or to run as candidates in the upcoming local government election (October 20, 2018).

The City of Port Alberni's boundaries are defined by Letters Patent. The Ahahswinis Reserve, although surrounded by the City of Port Alberni, is not actually included within the City's boundaries. This means that residents who live on the Ahahswinis Reserve are not eligible to vote in the City of Port Alberni's election for Mayor/Council. They can however, vote for Area Director and School Trustee in Beaver Creek (if an election is declared in that area).

Residents of the Klehkoot Reserve are able to vote in the Sproat Lake electoral area (if an election is declared in that area).

The official declaration of an election being held takes place on September 24, 2018 following which voting locations will be confirmed.

Interested in running for Local Government Office?

Candidates for the office of Mayor or Councillor; Electoral Area Director or School Trustee do not have to reside within a specific jurisdiction in order to run. For example, someone who lives outside the Alberni-Clayoquot region can be nominated as a candidate for Mayor or Councillor in the City of Port Alberni or for Director in the Alberni Valley Electoral Areas or as School Trustee, assuming they meet the eligibility requirements.

The information in the attached News Release contains information helpful for those interested in running for local government office and provides details of qualifications for both candidates and nominators.

Where can I find more information?

Election information is available:

On the City's website at www.portalberni.ca or contact Davina Hartwell, Chief Election Officer at 250 720-2810; email davina_hartwell@portalberni.ca

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On the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website at www.acrd.bc.ca or contact Wendy Thomson, Chief Election Officer at 250 720-2706; email wthomson@acrd.bc.ca

For any questions about local elections administration in British Columbia, contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing via phone 250 387-4020 or email: LGovernance@gov.bc.ca. Their website offers some great resources: www.gov.bc.ca/localelections

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Background Information:

You are eligible to vote as a resident elector when you:

- are 18 years of age or older on general voting day;
- are a Canadian Citizen;
- Have been a resident of British Columbia for six months prior to registering to vote;
- Have lived in the jurisdiction where you intend to vote for at least 30 days before registering to vote;
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment, or by law from voting in local elections

You are eligible to vote as a non-resident property electors when you:

- are 18 years of age or older on general voting day;
- are a Canadian Citizen;
- Have been a resident of British Columbia for six months prior to registering to vote;
- Have owned property in the jurisdiction where you intend to vote for at least 30 days before registering to vote;
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment, or by law from voting in local elections

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For Immediate Release: 2018 Municipal Election Information

July 24, 2018

Are you interested in running for local government in October 2018?

This year's Local Government Election will be on Saturday, October 20th where the following will be elected for a four year term:

Mayor and Six Councillors for the City of Port Alberni

Six Electoral Area Directors in the region, one each representing Bamfield, Beaufort, Long Beach, Sproat Lake, Beaver Creek and Cherry Creek

Seven School District Trustees, 1 representing the West Coast and Six representing the Alberni Valley and Bamfield

Nomination packages for all candidates will be available for pick up on Friday, July 27th during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays) at the following locations:

For Mayor and Councillor	City Hall, 4850 Argyle Street
For Regional District Electoral Area Director / School District Trustee	Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District 3008 5 th Avenue, Port Alberni District of Tofino, 121 Third Street, Tofino District of Ucluelet, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet

The nomination packages provide the necessary documents to nominate a candidate as well as general information about the election process and the City of Port Alberni/Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

Nominations for Mayor and Councillor in the City of Port Alberni must be made by at least **TEN** qualified nominators; Electoral Area Directors/School Trustee nominations require at least **TWO** qualified nominators.

While candidates may declare their candidacy at any time, legislation requires that they document all expenses and contributions from the moment of their declaration. Under the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA), Elections BC is responsible for the oversight of all matters related to candidate and elector organization campaign financing as well as election advertising during the election proceedings.

The nomination period commences at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4th 2018 and closes at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14th, 2018.

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Background Information:

Qualifications to run for Mayor, Councillor, Electoral Area Director or School Trustee

To qualify to run for local government office or office of School Trustee, a person at the time of nomination must:

- (a) Be 18 years of age or older on general voting day;
- (b) Be a Canadian Citizen;
- (c) Have been a resident of BC for at least six months prior to the date of nomination;
- (d) Not be disqualified under the Local Government Act, School Act or any other enactment from being nominated for, elected to or holding the office, or otherwise disqualified by law.

Making A Nomination

Nominators must be qualified electors of the municipality, electoral area or trustee electoral area for which the person is nominated, in other words nominators must:

- (a) Be 18 years of age or older on general voting day;
- (b) Be a Canadian Citizen;
- (c) Have been a resident of BC for at least six months
- (d) Have been a resident of the municipality, electoral area, or trustee electoral area for at least 30 days
- (e) Not be disqualified under the Local Government Act, School Act or any other enactment from being nominated for, elected to or holding the office, or otherwise disqualified by law.

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