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August 10, 2026

Dear Prospective Candidates:

Re: 2026 General Local Election

Please find enclosed the Nomination Package required to file your nomination as a candidate for the 2026 General Local Election.

The Nomination Package is provided as a courtesy to assist you in filing nomination documents in accordance with the applicable election legislation. Our provision of these documents does not modify your obligation to familiarize yourself with and comply with the election legislation, and accordingly, we take no responsibility for the completeness or accuracy of the enclosed information.

The nomination period runs from **Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, September 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

In accordance with Section 89(4) of the *Local Government Act*, nomination documents may be delivered by hand, by mail or other delivery service, by fax, or by email. The obligation to ensure nomination documents are received rests with the person being nominated.

- If nomination documents are submitted electronically, you will require a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits for BC to complete your declaration.
- If nomination documents are submitted in-person, the Chief or Deputy Chief Election Officers will complete your declaration.

Please be advised that:

- A challenge of nomination must be filed between the time nomination documents are delivered and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2026; and,
- A candidate may withdraw by delivering a signed withdrawal to the Chief or Deputy Chief Election Officers at any time up until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2026.

Those elected will serve a 4-year term beginning in November, 2026.

The declaration of Candidates will be posted on the District of Hope website on **Friday, September 11, 2026, after 4:00 p.m.**

Each local government is responsible for running its own local elections, including voting, counting, reporting results, and accepting candidate nominations.

Elections BC is responsible for administering the campaign financing and election advertising rules in the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

Should you have any questions in regard to the nomination process, please contact me at 604-869-5671 or bmorgan@hope.ca.

Branden Morgan
Chief Election Officer



Candidate Nomination Package

NOMINATION PERIOD IS:

From: 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 1, 2026

To: 4:00 pm on Friday, September 11, 2026

Forms to be completed and Submitted:

1. C1 – Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form
2. C2 – Nomination Documents
3. C3 – Other Information Provided by Candidate
4. C4 – Appointment of Candidate Financial Agent
5. C5 – Appointment of Candidate Official Agent
6. C6 – Appointment of Candidate Scrutineer
7. Statement of Disclosure
8. Candidate Information Release Authorization

Included Informational Documents:

1. Notice of Nomination
2. *Election Procedures Bylaw No. 1631, 2026*
3. *Election Sign Bylaw No. 1632, 2026*
4. Sign Restriction 100 Metre Area Map
5. 2026 Council Meeting Schedule
6. Campaign Account Letter – can be provided to a financial institution when opening an account

Other useful informational materials are available online at www.hope.ca/elections.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PACKAGE

Use the Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form C1 to ensure that the Candidate Nomination Package is complete and meets the legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act*, *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, *Financial Disclosure Act* and/or *Vancouver Charter*.

The Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form C1 serve as a guide to the forms that must be submitted by a Candidate, their Official Agent and/or their Financial Agent to the Chief Election Officer as part of the nomination process.

Ensure that, for each item checked off on the Checklist Form C1 (Section B), the relevant form is completed and attached.

NOTE: Candidate Nomination documents can be submitted to the Chief Election Officer in-person, by mail, by fax or by email. Local government contact information is available online at:
<https://www/civicinfo.bc.ca/directories>

The Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form C1 are for the Chief Election Officer's reference only and do not constitute part of the Candidate Nomination Package.

Completing only the Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form C1 **does not** constitute completion of the Candidate Nomination Package, nor does it satisfy the legislative requirements set out in the *Local Government Act*, *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, *Financial Disclosure Act* and/or *Vancouver Charter*.

COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Record the Candidate's full name.
2. Record the office for which the Candidate is seeking election.
3. Use section B of the Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form C1 to identify which forms have been completed and are included in the Candidate Nomination Package.
4. Return the completed package to the Chief Election Officer.

As per *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* requirements, the following forms will be forwarded to Elections BC by the Chief Election Officer:

C2 – Nomination Documents (only page 3);
C3 – Other Information Provided by Candidate; and,
C4 – Appointment of Candidate Financial Agent.

After election results have been declared, please send any changes to documents previously provided to Elections BC to:

Elections BC
PO Box 9275 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9J6
Toll-free fax: 1-866-466-0665
Email: electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca

C1 – Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

SECTION A

CANDIDATE'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
NAME OF OFFICE FOR WHICH CANDIDATE IS SEEKING ELECTION (E.G., MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR)		

SECTION B

This nomination package includes the following completed forms, appointments, consents and declarations:

- ☐ **C2 – Nomination Documents**
- ☐ **C3 – Other Information Provided by Candidate**
- ☐ **C4 – Appointment of Candidate Financial Agent** (if Candidate is not acting as own Financial Agent)
- ☐ **C5 – Appointment of Candidate Official Agent** (if applicable)
- ☐ **C6 – Appointment of Candidate Scrutineer** (if applicable)
- ☐ **Statement of Disclosure: *Financial Disclosure Act*** (required under the *Financial Disclosure Act*)

Disclaimer: All attempts have been made to ensure the accuracy of the forms contained in the Candidate Nomination Package; however, the forms are not a substitute for provincial legislation and/or regulations.

Please refer directly to the latest consolidation of provincial statutes at BC Laws (www.bclaws.ca) for applicable election-related provisions and requirements

C2 – Nomination Documents

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

JURISDICTION (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY OR REGIONAL DISTRICT)		ELECTION AREA (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY, NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSTITUENCY, OR REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA)
We, the following electors of the above-named jurisdiction, hereby nominate:		
NOMINEE'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
USUAL NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE AND PREFERRED BY THE PERSON NOMINATED TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT		
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS)	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX NUMBER)	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
As a Candidate for the office of:		
POSITION (E.G., MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR)	JURISDICTION (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY OR REGIONAL DISTRICT)	

Each of us **affirms** that to the best of our knowledge, the above-named person nominated for office:

1. Is or will be on general voting day for the election, 18 years of age or older.
2. Is a Canadian citizen.
3. Has been a resident of British Columbia, as determined in accordance with section 67 of the *Local Government Act*, for the past six months immediately preceding today's date.
4. Is not disqualified under 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 the office or be otherwise disqualified by law.

A Nominator MUST be a qualified elector of the municipality or electoral area (or neighbourhood constituency, if applicable) where the candidate is running. Elector qualifications are listed in section 65 & 66 of the *Local Government Act* and section 23 & 24 of the *Vancouver Charter*.

NOMINATOR'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAMES)	NOMINATOR'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAMES)
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (CITY/TOWN, STREET ADDRESS, POSTAL CODE) IF NOMINATING AS A RESIDENT ELECTOR	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (CITY/TOWN, STREET ADDRESS, POSTAL CODE) IF NOMINATING AS A RESIDENT ELECTOR
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☐ BY CHECKING THIS BOX YOU CONFIRM THAT YOU ARE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR IN THE JURISDICTION THE CANDIDATE IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE	☐ BY CHECKING THIS BOX YOU CONFIRM THAT YOU ARE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR IN THE JURISDICTION THE CANDIDATE IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE
NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE	NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE

Please see over for additional space when more than two nominators are required. Copies can be made as needed.

I consent to the above nomination for office:

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE	DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)
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CANDIDATE NOMINATION PACKAGE

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NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE	NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE

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NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE	NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE

C2 – Nomination Documents

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

I do solemnly declare as follows:

1. I am qualified under section 81 of the *Local Government Act* to be nominated, elected and to hold the office of:

POSITION (E.G., MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR)

2. I am or will be on general voting day for the election, 18 years of age or older.
3. I am a Canadian citizen.
4. I have been a resident of British Columbia, as determined in accordance with section 67 of the *Local Government Act*, for the past six months immediately preceding today's date.
5. I am not 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 the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.
6. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in these nomination documents is true.
7. I fully intend to accept the office if elected.
8. I am aware of and understand the requirements and restrictions of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* and I intend to fully comply with those requirements and restrictions.

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE

DECLARED BEFORE ME: CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER OR COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

AT: (LOCATION)

DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)

☐

I am acting as my own Financial Agent

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE

☐

I have appointed as my Financial Agent

FINANCIAL AGENT'S NAME (IF APPLICABLE)

ELECTOR ORGANIZATION CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT AND CONSENT

NAME OF ELECTOR ORGANIZATION (AS REGISTERED WITH ELECTIONS BC):

PRINCIPLE OFFICIAL'S LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME(S)

The above-named Elector Organization Agrees to Endorse:

CANDIDATE'S LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME(S)

PRINCIPLE OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE

DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)

I consent to the endorsement by the above-named Elector Organization

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)

C3 – Other Information Provided by Candidate

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Office for which the individual is a nominee:

POSITION (E.G., MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR)	JURISDICTION (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY OR REGIONAL DISTRICT)	ELECTION AREA (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY, NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSTITUENCY, OR REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA)
NOMINEE'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
USUAL NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE AND PREFERRED BY THE PERSON NOMINATED TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT		
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX NUMBER) AS PROVIDED IN THE NOMINATION DOCUMENTS	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
ADDRESS FOR SERVICE (STREET ADDRESS OR EMAIL ADDRESS)	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS (IF AVAILABLE)	

Additional Addresses for Service Information
OPTIONAL

MAILING ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX NUMBER) IF EMAIL WAS PROVIDED AS ADDRESS FOR SERVICE	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
FAX NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS IF MAILING ADDRESS WAS PROVIDED AS ADDRESS FOR SERVICE	

Please ensure that name and mailing address information is the same as that entered on FORM C2 – NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

C4 – Appointment of Candidate Financial Agent

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

CANDIDATE'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
POSITION (E.G., MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR)	JURISDICTION (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY OR REGIONAL DISTRICT)	ELECTION AREA (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY, NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSTITUENCY, OR REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA)
I hereby appoint as my Financial Agent for the:		
GENERAL VOTING DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)	☐ General Local Election	☐ By-election
FINANCIAL AGENT'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX NUMBER)	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS (IF AVAILABLE)	
EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPOINTMENT: (YYYY/MM/DD)		
CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE	DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)	

I hereby consent to act as the Financial Agent for the above-named Candidate for the:		
GENERAL VOTING DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)	☐ General Local Election	☐ By-election
FINANCIAL AGENT ADDRESS FOR SERVICE (STREET ADDRESS OR EMAIL ADDRESS)	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
Additional Addresses for Service Information		OPTIONAL
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX NUMBER) IF EMAIL WAS PROVIDED AS ADDRESS FOR SERVICE	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
FAX NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS IF MAILING ADDRESS WAS PROVIDED AS ADDRESS FOR SERVICE	
FINANCIAL AGENT'S SIGNATURE	DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)	

C5 – Appointment of Candidate Official Agent

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

CANDIDATE'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
POSITION (E.G., MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR)	JURISDICTION (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY OR REGIONAL DISTRICT)	ELECTION AREA (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY, NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSTITUENCY, OR REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA)
I hereby appoint as my Official Agent for the:		
GENERAL VOTING DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)	☐ General Local Election	☐ By-election
OFFICIAL AGENT'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX NUMBER)	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
☐ I hereby delegate to the above-named official agent the authority to appoint scrutineers.		
CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE	DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)	

C6 – Appointment of Candidate Scrutineer

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

CANDIDATE'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
POSITION (E.G., MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR)	JURISDICTION (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY OR REGIONAL DISTRICT)	ELECTION AREA (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY, NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSTITUENCY, OR REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA)
I hereby appoint as my Scrutineer for the:		
GENERAL VOTING DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)	☐ General Local Election	☐ By-election
SCRUTINEER'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX NUMBER)	CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE	DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)	

You must complete a Statement of Disclosure form if you are:

- a nominee for election to provincial or local government office*, as a school trustee or as a director of a francophone education authority
- an elected local government official
- an elected school trustee, or a director of a francophone education authority
- an employee designated by a local government, a francophone education authority or the board of a school district
- a public employee designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council

*("local government" includes municipalities, regional districts and the Islands Trust)

Who has access to the information on this form?

The *Financial Disclosure Act* requires you to disclose assets, liabilities and sources of income. Under section 6 (1) of *the Act*, statements of disclosure filed by nominees or municipal officials are available for public inspection during normal business hours. Statements filed by designated employees are not routinely available for public inspection. If you have questions about this form, please contact your solicitor or your political party's legal counsel.

What is a trustee? – s. 5 (2)

In the following questions the term "trustee" does not mean school trustee or Islands Trust trustee. Under the *Financial Disclosure Act* a trustee:

- holds a share in a corporation or an interest in land for your benefit, or is liable under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) to pay income tax on income received on the share or land interest
- has an agreement entitling him or her to acquire an interest in land for your benefit

Person making disclosure:	 <i>last name</i>	 <i>first & middle name(s)</i>
Street, rural route, post office box:		
City:		Province:
		Postal Code:
Level of government that applies to you:	☐ provincial ☐ local government	
	☐ school board/francophone education authority	

If sections do not provide enough space, attach a separate sheet to continue.

Assets – s. 3 (a)

List the name of each corporation in which you hold one or more shares, including shares held by a trustee on your behalf:

Liabilities – s. 3 (e)

List all creditors to whom you owe a debt. Do not include residential property debt (mortgage, lease or agreement for sale), money borrowed for household or personal living expenses, or any assets you hold in trust for another person:

creditor's name(s)

creditor's address(es)

Income – s. 3 (b-d)

List each of the businesses and organizations from which you receive financial remuneration for your services and identify your capacity as owner, part-owner, employee, trustee, partner or other (e.g. director of a company or society).

- Provincial nominees and designated employees must list all sources of income in the province.
- Local government officials, school board officials, francophone education authority directors and designated employees must list only income sources within the regional district that includes the municipality, local trust area or school district for which the official is elected or nominated, or where the employee holds the designated position.

your capacity

name(s) of business(es)/organization(s)

Real Property – s. 3 (f)

List the legal description and address of all land in which you, or a trustee acting on your behalf, own an interest or have an agreement which entitles you to obtain an interest. Do not include your personal residence.

- Provincial nominees and designated employees must list all applicable land holdings in the province.
- Local government officials, school board officials, francophone education authority directors and designated employees must list only applicable land holdings within the regional district that includes the municipality, local trust area or school district for which the official is elected or nominated, or where the employee holds the designated position.

legal description(s)

address(es)

Corporate Assets – s. 5

Do you individually, or together with your spouse, child, brother, sister, mother or father, own shares in a corporation which total more than 30% of votes for electing directors? (Include shares held by a trustee on your behalf, but not shares you hold by way of security.)

☐ no ☐ yes

If yes, please list the following information below & continue on a separate sheet as necessary:

- the name of each corporation and all of its subsidiaries
- in general terms, the type of business the corporation and its subsidiaries normally conduct
- a description and address of land in which the corporation, its subsidiaries or a trustee acting for the corporation, own an interest, or have an agreement entitling any of them to acquire an interest
- a list of creditors of the corporation, including its subsidiaries. You need not include debts of less than \$5,000 payable in 90 days
- a list of any other corporations in which the corporation, including its subsidiaries or trustees acting for them, holds one or more shares.

signature of person making disclosure

date

Where to send this completed disclosure form:

Local government officials:

... to your local chief election officer

- with your nomination papers, and

... to the officer responsible for corporate administration

- between the 1st and 15th of January of each year you hold office, and
- by the 15th of the month after you leave office

School board trustees/Francophone Education Authority directors:

... to the secretary treasurer or chief executive officer of the authority

- with your nomination papers, and
- between the 1st and 15th of January of each year you hold office, and
- by the 15th of the month after you leave office

Nominees for provincial office:

- with your nomination papers. If elected you will be advised of further disclosure requirements under the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*

Designated Employees:

... to the appropriate disclosure clerk (local government officer responsible for corporate administration, secretary treasurer, or Clerk of the Legislative Assembly)

- by the 15th of the month you become a designated employee, and
- between the 1st and 15th of January of each year you are employed, and
- by the 15th of the month after you leave your position

**DISTRICT OF HOPE
2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS
CANDIDATE INFORMATION RELEASE AUTHORIZATION**

Your nomination documents are available to the public to view as soon as they are submitted. Consent provided with this form simply allows the local government to provide additional information, as appearing below, to the public and/or media.

The information you choose to share will be posted on websites operated by CivicInfo BC (www.civicinfo.bc.ca). This is the primary source through which the media, the public, provincial ministries, researchers, and others are able to obtain province-wide local election information.

Note: Changes have been made to election publishing requirements to better protect candidates' personal information, such as their telephone number or address, including a requirement to redact this information in public notices and nomination documents published online. The name of the jurisdiction where the candidate resides will be included in public notices and in online nomination documents.

Electors may view unredacted nomination documents at the local government office; however, an elector must sign a declaration that they will not use the information included in them except for purposes of the Local Government Act, Vancouver Charter, or Local Elections Campaign Financing Act.

I, _____, (please print name of person nominated) having submitted nomination documents for election to the office of _____, give my consent to share the following information. This information may be shared by email, posting on a website, phone, fax, or by any other means of electronic communication.

Address:	
Phone:	Alternate Phone:
Email:	
Website:	
Twitter:	Facebook:

Gender (Check one):

☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-binary ☐ Other/undisclosed

Previous Elected Experience (Check one):

- ☐ Incumbent – Served on Council or Board in the same role since the last general election
- ☐ Served on Council or Board in a different role since the last general election
- ☐ Served on Council or Board before but not during this past term
- ☐ No Council or Board experience, but has been elected to office elsewhere (school, local, provincial, or federal).
- ☐ None.

(Signature of Candidate)

DISTRICT OF HOPE
2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS
NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public notice is given to the electors of the District of Hope that nominations for the offices of:

Mayor – 1 person to be elected
Councillor – 6 persons to be elected

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

By hand, mail or other delivery service: District of Hope PO Box 609 325 Wallace Street Hope, BC, V0X 1L0 By fax to: 604-869-2275 By email to: bmorgan@hope.ca	From: 9:00 a.m. September 1, 2026 To: 4:00 p.m. September 11, 2026 Excluding statutory holidays and weekends
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Nomination documents are available on the District of Hope website at www.hope.ca/elections or at the District of Hope Municipal Office, during regular business hours, beginning August 10, 2026, to the close of the nomination period being 4:00 pm September 11, 2026.

For a nomination to be accepted, it must be accompanied by a solemn declaration from the person nominated, either made in advance (by a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits for BC) or administered before the Chief Election Officer when the nomination documents are delivered in person. We encourage prospective candidates to schedule an appointment with the Chief Election Officer to ensure the documents are completed in full. Contact information is listed below.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

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

- *Canadian citizen;*
- *18 years of age or older on general voting day (October 17, 2026);*
- *a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and*
- *not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.*

For further information on the **nomination process**, please contact:

Branden Morgan, Chief Election Officer - 604-869-5671 or bmorgan@hope.ca
Donna Bellingham, Deputy Chief Election Officer - 604-869-5671 or dbellingham@hope.ca

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Mayor: \$ 12,323.78
Councillor: \$ 6,161.89

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, the following third-party advertising limits apply:

Directed Advertising: \$ 924.28
Cumulative Advertising: \$ 184,856.70

For further information on **campaign period expense limits and third-party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 or electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca.



BYLAW NO. 1631

A bylaw to establish Election Procedures

CITATION

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as ***“Election Procedures Bylaw No. 1631, 2026.”***

INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

2. In this Bylaw:

“Acceptable Mark” means a mark made by an Elector on a Ballot that is capable of being read and accepted by the Automated Voting Machine, in accordance with the *Local Government Act* and applicable regulations;

“Advance Voting Opportunity” means a process by which voters in a General Local Election can vote before the scheduled General Voting Day;

“Applicant” means an elector who applies to vote by mail;

“Authorized Drop-Off Location” means a location designated by the Chief Election Officer or their Designate for the return of Mail Ballots;

“Authorized Person” means a person authorized by an Elector to pick up or deliver a mail ballot package on the Elector’s behalf;

“Automated Voting Machine” means a system approved by the Chief Election Officer or Designate for the counting and recording of votes and includes vote tabulators, ballot scanners, and related equipment and software;

“Ballot” means a single ballot card that includes all offices, bylaw questions, or other matters on which Electors are entitled to vote;

“Ballot Box” means a sealed container, used to secure and collect Ballots during voting;

“Ballot Return Override Procedure” means the use, by an Election Official, of a device on an Automated Voting Machine, which causes the unit to accept a Returned Ballot;

“Candidate” means a person who is nominated for election under applicable provincial or federal legislation;

“Chief Election Officer” means the person appointed by Council under the *Local Government Act* to conduct Elections and any other voting;

“District” means the District of Hope;

“Designate” means a Deputy Chief Election Officer or other person authorized by the Chief Election Officer;

“Election Headquarters” means Hope District Hall, 325 Wallace Street, Hope, BC V0X 1L0;

“Election Official” means a person appointed to assist in the administration of the election;

“Elector” means a resident Elector or a non-resident property Elector as defined under the *Local Government Act*;

“Emergency Ballot Compartment” means one of two separate compartments in the Ballot Box under each Automated Voting Machine into which voted Ballots are temporarily deposited if the unit ceases to function;

“General Local Election” means the election held for the Mayor and Councillors held every four years in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, and includes school trustee elections, by-elections and any other Voting unless specified;

“General Voting Day” means the day fixed under applicable legislation for voting in a General Local Election or other voting event;

“Memory Pack” means the programmed electronic component of a Automated Voting Machine that records and tabulates votes cast;

“Other Voting” means assent voting or other authorized voting under the *Local Government Act*;

“Portable Ballot Box” means a Ballot Box which is used at a voting place in the election, where an Automated Voting Machine is not being used or is not functioning at the time of voting;

“Presiding Election Official” means the person responsible for overseeing and supervising staff for an assigned voting place and is responsible for ensuring voting procedures are followed correctly;

“Results Tape” means the printed record generated from an Automated Voting Machine at the close of voting on General Voting Day, which shows the number of votes for each candidate for each of the offices to be filled, and the number of votes for and against each bylaw or other matters on which the opinion or assent of the Electors is sought;

“Returned Ballot” means a voted Ballot that was inserted into the Automated Voting Machine but was not accepted due to marking errors or other issues;

“Register of Mail Ballots” means the records that the Chief Election Officer or their Designate must keep addressing any challenges to an Elector’s right to vote;

“Secrecy Enclosure” means an open-ended folder, sleeve, envelope or item which is used to cover Ballots to conceal the choices made by each Elector;

“Special Voting Opportunity” means a voting opportunity that may be established for Electors who cannot reasonably attend other voting opportunities;

“Storage Ballot Compartment” means a Ballot Box under each Automated Voting Machine into which voted Ballots are temporarily deposited if the unit ceases to function.

“Zero Report Tape” means a printed record confirming zero vote totals before voting begins.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER OR THEIR DESIGNATE AND DEPUTY

3. Council must appoint a Chief Election Officer or their Designate and Deputy Chief Election Officer or their Designate for the purposes of conducting local elections and other voting under the *Local Government Act*.

ACCESS TO NOMINATION AND ENDORSEMENT DOCUMENTS

4. The Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall give public access to nomination documents at the District of Hope Office during regular office hours from the time of delivery until 30 days after the declaration of the election results in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

5. A candidate nomination package must include all documents required under the *Local Government Act* and the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, including any endorsement information where applicable.
6. Nomination documents may be delivered to the Chief Election Officer:
 - (a) By hand;
 - (b) By mail or other delivery service;
 - (c) By fax; or
 - (d) By email.
7. Nomination documents may be delivered in electronic or physical form, and electronic submission shall be deemed to satisfy delivery requirements.
8. It is the responsibility of the Candidate being nominated to ensure that the nomination package is received by the Chief Election Officer before the end of the nomination period.

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

9. A person may register as an elector only at the time of voting for all elections and assent voting.

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

10. In addition to the required advance voting opportunity on the 10th day before General Voting Day, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall establish a second date for the additional voting opportunity in advance of General Voting Day.
11. The Chief Election Officer or their Designate may establish dates for additional voting opportunities to be held in advance of General Voting Day, including the designation of voting places and voting hours for these voting opportunities.

SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

12. The Chief Election Officer or their Designate may, at their discretion, establish Special Voting Opportunities and determine the dates, times, locations and voting procedures for Special Voting Opportunities.
13. The only electors who may vote at a Special Voting Opportunity are residents, patients, visitors or employees of the location where the Special Voting Opportunity will be conducted.

14. The number of candidate representatives who may be present at a special voting opportunity is limited to:

- (a) one representative from candidates running for the office of Mayor.
- (b) one representative from candidates running for the office of Councillor.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

15. The Chief Election Officer or their Designate may, at their discretion, establish additional General Voting Opportunities, and determine the dates, times and locations for those opportunities.

RESOLUTION OF TIE VOTE AFTER JUDICIAL RECOUNT

16. In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by conducting a lot in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING AUTHORIZATION AND PROCEDURES

MAIL BALLOT VOTING AUTHORIZATION

17. Voting by mail ballot and elector registration by mail in conjunction with mail ballot voting are hereby authorized in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

18. The Chief Election Officer or their Designate is authorized to establish time limits in relation to voting by mail ballot.

MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION PROCEDURE

19. An applicant shall apply to vote by mail by giving their name and address to the Chief Election Officer or their Designate in the form prescribed by the Chief Election Officer or their Designate.

20. The issuance, tracking, and processing of mail ballots shall be established by the Chief Election Officer or their Designate provided that such procedures comply with the *Local Government Act* and applicable legislation.

21. Upon the applicant requesting a mail ballot, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall record in the Register of Mail Ballots the required information and make available a mail ballot package that contains the content set out in the *Local Government Act*;

22. As per the Applicant's direction, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate may distribute the mail ballot package in any of the following ways:

- (a) sending the mail ballot package by Canada Post;
- (b) sending the mail ballot package by courier at the expense of the applicant;
- (c) having the mail ballot package picked up by the Applicant at a designated time and location; or
- (d) having the mail ballot package picked up by an Authorized Person at a designated time and location.

23. The Chief Election Officer or their Designate may request that the Authorized Person show identification and sign a form before providing the Authorized Person with the mail ballot package.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING PROCEDURE

24. To vote by a mail ballot, the elector shall mark the ballot to clearly indicate the candidate or candidates for whom the elector wishes to vote in accordance with the instructions contained in the mail ballot package provided by the Chief Election Officer or their Designate.
25. Electors voting by Mail Ballot must complete the required certification and attestation in accordance with applicable provincial legislation, including any witness requirements prescribed under that legislation.
26. After marking their ballot, the elector shall:
- (a) place the ballot in the secrecy enclosure provided (seal if using an envelope);
 - (b) place the secrecy enclosure in the certification envelope, then complete and sign the certification printed on said enclosure and seal the certification envelope;
 - (c) have a witness verify the identity, residence and voter eligibility of the elector and record their name, address, and signature on the certification enclosure;
 - (d) place the certification envelope in the return envelope, together with a completed elector registration application, if required, and then seal the return envelope; and,
 - (e) mail, or deliver, the return envelope and its contents to the Chief Election Officer or their Designate, before the close of voting on General Voting Day at either:
 - i. the address printed on the return envelope included in the mail ballot package; or
 - ii. an authorized drop-off location as authorized by the Chief Election Officer or their Designate.
27. It is the elector's responsibility to ensure that the mail ballot is received before the close of voting on General Voting Day.

MAIL BALLOT ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION

28. Until 4:00 p.m. two days before General Voting Day, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall, upon receipt of the return envelope and its contents:
- (a) immediately record the date of receipt in the Register of Mail Ballots; and
 - (b) open the return envelope.
29. When the Chief Election Officer or their Designate examines the certification envelope, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall:
- (a) confirm the identity of the elector as an Applicant on the Register of Mail Ballots;
 - (b) determine the fulfilment of the requirements the *Local Government Act* and the completeness of any application to register, if required; and
 - (c) determine the completeness of the certification envelope.
30. If the Chief Election Officer or their Designate is satisfied that the elector has met the requirements of Section 29 , the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall:
- (a) mark the certification envelope as "accepted"; and
 - (b) place the accepted certification envelope with the other certification envelopes.

31. If the Chief Election Officer or their Designate determines that:

- (a) the applicant has not satisfied the Chief Election Officer or their Designate as to their identity; or
- (b) the elector has not completed the application to register properly;

The Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall mark the certification envelope as “rejected” and set aside the rejected certification envelope unopened.

32. The Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall retain in their custody all opened and unopened certification envelopes duly secured until they are to be destroyed, as per the *Local Government Act*.

PROCESSING OF MAIL BALLOTS

33. After 4:00 p.m. two days before General Voting Day, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate, in the presence of at least one other person, including any candidate representatives, shall:

- (a) review and process any challenges to the electors by mail involving the accepted certification envelopes;
- (b) open the certification envelopes;
- (c) remove the secrecy enclosures containing the ballots; and
- (d) place the secrecy enclosure containing the ballot in the ballot box.

34. If the Chief Election Officer or their Designate receives a return envelope with its contents after 4:00 p.m. two days before General Voting Day but before the close of general voting, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall:

- (a) handle those return envelopes in accordance with the previous sections;
- (b) retain all accepted certification envelopes until the close of general voting day;
- (c) process the accepted certification envelopes after the close of general voting day.

35. As soon as possible after all the secrecy enclosures have been placed in the ballot box, in the presence of at least one other person and any candidate representatives, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall supervise:

- (a) the opening of the ballot box;
- (b) the opening of the secrecy envelopes; and
- (c) the counting of the ballots in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

36. If the Chief Election Officer or their Designate receives a return envelope with its contents after the close of General Voting Day, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall:

- (a) mark the return envelope as “rejected”;
- (b) indicate the reason why the return envelope was rejected on the return envelope; and
- (c) place the unopened return envelope with the other rejected return envelopes.

CHALLENGE OF ELECTOR

37. A person who qualifies under the *Local Government Act* may challenge the right of a person to vote by mail ballot on the grounds set out in the *Local Government Act* up until the close of General Voting Day.

ELECTOR'S NAME ALREADY USED

38. If, upon receiving a request for a mail ballot, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate determines that another person has voted or has already been issued a mail ballot in the elector's name, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall comply with the *Local Government Act*.

REPLACEMENT OF SPOILED BALLOT

39. If an elector unintentionally spoils a mail ballot before returning it to the Chief Election Officer or their Designate, the elector may request a replacement ballot by:

- (a) advising the Chief Election Officer or their Designate of the ballot spoilage; and
- (b) mailing or otherwise delivering by any appropriate means the spoiled ballot package in its entirety to the Chief Election Officer or their Designate.

40. Upon receipt of the spoiled ballot package, the Chief Election Officer or their Designate shall record such fact and proceed in accordance with Section 21.

AUTOMATED VOTING MACHINE AUTHORIZATION AND PROCEDURES

AUTOMATED VOTING MACHINE AUTHORIZATION

41. Automated Voting Machines may be used for the purposes of conducting general local elections and other voting.

AUTOMATED VOTING MACHINE PROCEDURES

42. The Chief Election Officer or their Designate must, before voting begins:

- (a) generate and sign two Zero Report Tapes;
- (b) witness and verify that all totals are zero; and,
- (c) post one copy on the Automated Voting Machine and leave one copy attached to the blank paper roll located in the Automated Voting Machine.

43. Upon completion of the voting demonstration, if any, the elector shall proceed as instructed to the election official responsible for issuing ballots, who, upon fulfilment of the requirements of the *Local Government Act*, shall then provide a Ballot to the Elector, a Secrecy Enclosure, if requested by the elector, and any further instructions the Elector requests.

44. Upon receiving a Ballot, the elector shall immediately proceed to a voting booth to vote.

45. The elector may vote only by making an Acceptable Mark on the Ballot:

- (a) beside the name of each candidate of choice, up to the maximum number of candidates to be elected for each of the offices to be filled; and,
- (b) beside either 'yes' or 'no' in the case of each bylaw or matter on which the assent or opinion of the electors is sought.

46. Once the Elector has finished marking the Ballot, the Elector shall either place the Ballot into the Secrecy Enclosure, if provided, or proceed directly to the Automated Voting Machine and insert the Ballot in a manner that does not expose the Elector's choices.

47. If, before inserting the Ballot into the Automated Voting Machine, an Elector determines that a mistake has been made when marking the Ballot, or if the Automated Voting Machine returns the Ballot, the Elector may return to the Voting Booth to correct the Ballot or request a replacement Ballot by informing the Election Official in attendance.
48. Upon being informed of the replacement Ballot request, the Presiding Election Official shall:
- (a) issue a replacement Ballot to the Elector and mark the Returned Ballot "Spoiled";
 - (b) retain all such spoiled Ballots separately from all other Ballots; and,
 - (c) not count the spoiled Ballots.
49. If the Elector declines the opportunity to obtain a replacement Ballot, the Election Official shall, using the Ballot Return Override Procedure, reinsert the Returned Ballot in the Automated Voting Machine to count any Acceptable Marks which have been made correctly.
50. A Ballot accepted and counted by the Automated Voting Machine is valid unless otherwise determined in a judicial recount or under applicable law. Once the Ballot has been inserted into the Automated Voting Machine and the Automated Voting Machine indicates that the ballot has been accepted, the Elector shall immediately leave the voting place.
51. During any period that an Automated Voting Machine is not functioning, the Election Official supervising the unit shall insert all Ballots delivered by the Electors during this time into the Storage Ballot Compartment, on the understanding that if the Automated Voting Machine:
- (a) becomes operational; or,
 - (b) is replaced with another Automated Voting Machine.
- The Ballots in the Storage Ballot Compartment shall, as soon as reasonably possible, be removed by an Election Official and, under the supervision of the Presiding Election Official, shall be inserted into the Automated Voting Machine to be counted.

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITY PROCEDURES

52. Automated Voting Machines shall be used at all advance voting opportunities, and voting procedures at the advance voting opportunities shall follow, as closely as possible, those described in Section "Automated Voting Machine Procedures" of this Bylaw.
53. At the close of voting at each Advance Voting Opportunity, the Presiding Election Official in each case shall ensure that:
- (a) no additional ballots are inserted in the Automated Voting Machine;
 - (b) the storage ballot compartment is being secured to prevent the insertion of any ballots;
 - (c) the results tapes in the Automated Voting Machine are not generated; and
 - (d) The memory pack of the Automated Voting Machine is secured.
 - (e) the Automated Voting Machine together with the Memory Pack and all other materials used in the Election are returned to the Chief Election Officer or their Designate at Election Headquarters.

54. At the close of voting at the final Advance Voting Opportunity, the Presiding Election Official shall ensure that:
- (a) any remaining ballots in the Storage Ballot Compartment are inserted into the Automated Voting Machine;
 - (b) secure the Automated Voting Machine so that no more Ballots can be inserted; and,
 - (c) the Automated Voting Machine together with the Memory Pack and all other materials used in the Election are returned to the Chief Election Officer or their Designate at Election Headquarters.

SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITY PROCEDURES

55. Unless the Chief Election Officer or their Designate determines it is practical to use an Automated Voting Machine, a Portable Ballot Box shall be used for all Special Voting Opportunities. The Presiding Election official appointed to attend at each Special Voting Opportunity shall proceed in accordance with Section "Automated Voting Machine Procedures" of this Bylaw as far as applicable, except that the voted Ballots shall be deposited into the Portable Ballot Box supplied by the Presiding Election Official.
56. The Presiding Election Official at a Special Voting Opportunity shall ensure that the Portable Ballot Box is secured when not in use, and at the close of voting at the final Special Voting Opportunity, the Presiding Election Official shall seal the Portable Ballot Box and return it together with all other election materials to the custody of the Chief Election Officer or their Designate.
57. If an Automated Voting Machine is in use at a Special Voting Opportunity, the Presiding Election Official appointed to attend the Special Voting Opportunity shall follow the procedures outlined in "Advance Voting Opportunities" of this Bylaw as if it were an Advance Voting Opportunity.

PROCEDURES AFTER CLOSE OF VOTING ON GENERAL VOTING DAY

58. After the close of voting on General Voting Day, each Presiding Election Official, except those responsible for Advance and Special Voting Opportunities, shall undertake all the following, generally in the order stipulated:
- (a) ensure that any remaining Ballots in the Storage Ballot Compartment are inserted into the Automated Voting Machine;
 - (b) secure the Automated Voting Machine so that no more Ballots can be inserted;
 - (c) generate two copies of the Results Tape from the Automated Voting Machine;
 - (d) account for the unused, spoiled and voted Ballots and place them, packaged and sealed separately, together with the Memory Pack from the Automated Voting Machine and one copy of the Results Tape, into the ballots and results box;
 - (e) complete the ballot account and place the duplicate copy in the ballots and results box;
 - (f) seal the ballots and results box;
 - (g) place the voting books, list of electors, the original copy of the ballot account, one copy of the results tape, completed registration cards, keys and all completed forms into the election materials box.

59. All Portable Ballot Boxes used in the Election will be opened, under the direction of the Chief Election Officer or their Designate, at the close of voting on General Voting Day. All Ballots shall be removed and inserted into an Automated Voting Machine to be counted, after which the provisions of Section 58 (a) to (g), as far as applicable, shall apply.

GENERAL

60. Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to the enactment of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time.

61. If any part, section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that it is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder which shall continue in full force and effect and be construed as if the Bylaw had been adopted without the invalid portion.

REPEAL

62. That “*Automated Voting Machines Authorization Bylaw No. 1235*” and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

63. That “*Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 1425, 2018*” and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

64. That “*Mail Ballot Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 1426, 2018*” and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND & THIRD TIME this 25th day of May, 2026.

ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2026.

Original Signed by Victor Smith
Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham
Director of Corporate Services



BYLAW NO. 1632

A bylaw to regulate the use of election signs

CITATION

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as ***“Election Sign Bylaw No. 1632, 2026.”***

INTERPRETATION

2. Unless otherwise specified in this Bylaw, the definitions in the *District of Hope Sign Bylaw* and *Traffic Bylaw*, as amended from time to time, shall apply to this Bylaw.

DEFINITIONS

"Candidate" means a person who is nominated for election.

"District" means the District of Hope.

"Election Sign" means a sign, sign board, advertisement, advertising device or structure that is used to promote a candidate, elector organization or other voting or election matter.

"Election Sign Period" means

- (a) in relation to municipal elections, the period between when the nomination period begins and the close of voting;
- (b) in relation to federal and provincial elections, the period between the issue of the writ and the close of voting;
- (c) in the case of an election or other voting matter where neither of the above apply, the period begins no more than 30 days before the voting opportunity and ends at the close of voting.

"General Voting Day" means the day fixed under applicable legislation for voting in a General Local Election or other voting matter;

"Official Mark" includes any District slogan, wordmark, phrase, tartan, coat of arms, or flag;

"Place" means place, erect, affix or attach;

"Political Organization" means any incorporated or unincorporated organization, or any elector organization, campaign organizer, or political party as defined under provincial or federal legislation, that engages in promoting, opposing, or taking a position on an election or voting matter.

GENERAL

3. Election Signs placed in accordance with this Bylaw are exempt from the District's *Sign Bylaw*, except as provided elsewhere in this Bylaw.
4. Election Signs shall only be placed or displayed during an Election Sign Period and removed within 10 days of the close of voting.

CANDIDATE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITY

5. It is the responsibility of each Candidate or Political Organization that places Election Signs in the District to ensure compliance with this Bylaw.
6. Election Signs must be maintained, clean and in a good state of repair.
7. If an Election Sign is vandalized, the Candidate or Political Organization is responsible for repairing and restoring the sign as soon as they are made aware of the damage.
8. It is the responsibility of each Candidate or Political Organization to ensure there is no damage to property or infrastructure resulting from Election Sign installation. If there is damage, the Candidate or Political Organization will be responsible for the repairs.

GENERAL SIGN RESTRICTIONS

9. Except as provided elsewhere in this Bylaw, an Election Sign must not:
 - (a) be located on a balcony or the roof of a building;
 - (b) be lit, electrified, animated, moving, or flashing;
 - (c) be located within 3 metres of a fire hydrant;
 - (d) be located anywhere that obstructs sight lines or traffic;
 - (e) have District logos, trademarks, official marks, or branding; or
 - (f) have attachments such as balloons, kites, an electronic message centre or inflatable devices.

SIZE AND HEIGHT LIMITATIONS

10. Election Signs shall not exceed 1.5 square meters in total.
11. Election Signs shall not exceed a height of 2 meters above grade.

PLACEMENT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

12. A person must not place, or permit to be placed, an election sign on
 - (a) a District highway or right of way;
 - (b) a centre median, island or sidewalk;
 - (c) any roadway structure, signpost, bridge, overpass structure or traffic control device;
 - (d) a tree, bush or in a park;
 - (e) any other District-owned property, including land, buildings, structures, and equipment.

PLACEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

13. Election Signs may not be placed on private property without the approval of the property owner or occupant, or the strata corporation in the case of a parcel containing strata lots.
14. There shall be no more than one election sign on any private lot.

RESTRICTIONS ON ELECTION CAMPAIGNING NEAR VOTING PLACES

15. No person shall place or display an Election Sign at or within 100 metres of a building, structure or other place where voting proceedings are being conducted at the time.

ENFORCEMENT

16. If this bylaw is being contravened by the placing or display of an Election Sign, the Chief Election Officer, another election official authorized by the Chief Election Officer, or a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may enter on the property where the materials are located and remove or otherwise obscure them from view.
17. If an Election Sign is removed under Section 16, the Candidate or Political Organization will be notified of the compliance issue and the location to collect the Election Sign. The Election Sign must be collected within 7 days of removal.
18. An Election Sign may be disposed of or destroyed without compensation and without notice if unclaimed in accordance with Section 17.

READ A FIRST, SECOND & THIRD TIME this 8th day of June, 2026.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June, 2026.

Original Signed by Victor Smith
Mayor

Original Signed by Donna Bellingham
Director of Corporate Services

100m Buffer Zone from Voting Place



Hope Legion Hall

2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Regular Council Meetings

Statutory Holidays
If a Stat falls on the weekend,
District Hall will close on Monday

UBCM Convention

Regular Council Meetings start at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted.

Meetings are held in Council Chambers at the District of Hope Municipal Office, located at 325 Wallace Street, Hope, BC.

Please Note: If a statutory holiday falls on the weekend, District Hall will be closed on the Monday and a scheduled Council meeting will be held on the Tuesday. Any and all amendments to the above schedule will be posted on the District of Hope Council Bulletin board at the Municipal Office, 325 Wallace Street, Hope, BC and on the District of Hope website at www.hope.ca.

To Whom It May Concern:

Section 18 of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA) requires financial agents of candidates running in a local election to deposit campaign funds into a separate campaign account in a savings institution. Section 18 also requires that all election related expenditures be paid from this account.

The definition of a candidate includes an individual who intends to become a candidate at a later date. This means a candidate must open a campaign account for their campaign financing transactions even if they have not yet filed nomination documents with their local jurisdiction.

Elections BC encourages potential candidates to open their campaign accounts as early as possible to ensure that all financial transactions are put through the account as required by LECFA. This could be several months before General Voting Day or before an election is officially called by the jurisdiction.

The campaign account must be a separate account. It must be in the name of the election campaign, and using the name of the candidate is acceptable. A business account is not required.

If you have any questions, please contact Electoral Finance at 1-800-661-8683 or electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca.