

General School Election Significant Dates

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JANUARY 2022

Saturday, January 1

- Election period begins [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 10 (1)(a)(i)]

JULY 2022

Tuesday, July 5

- Last day to apply to the Minister of Education and Child Care requesting an Advance Voting Exemption Order [*Advance Voting Exemption Guidelines*]

Monday, July 18

- Pre-campaign period begins [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 10 (1.1)(a)]

Sunday, July 24

- First day for notice of closure of advance elector registration by a local government officer [*Local Government Act*, s. 71 (5)]

Sunday, July 31

- First day on which a chief election officer can issue a notice of nomination [*Local Government Act*, s. 85 (1)]

AUGUST 2022

Tuesday, August 2

- Last day for a board of education to adopt or amend election bylaws for the October 15 election [*School Act*, s. 45 (6)]

Tuesday, August 16

- Last day for notice of closure of advance elector registration by a local government officer [*Local Government Act*, s. 71 (5)]

Tuesday, August 23

- Last day for advance elector registration [*Local Government Act*, s. 71 (4)]
- Last day for chief election officer to issue a notice of nomination [*Local Government Act*, s. 85 (1)]

Wednesday, August 24

- Last day for local government to adopt bylaw to use provincial list of voters as list of registered electors [*Local Government Act*, s. 76 (2)]
- Provincial list of voters becomes school district list of registered electors, if applicable [*School Act*, s. 43 (5) and *Local Government Act*, s. 76]

Tuesday, August 30

- Period for receiving nominations begins at 9 a.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 84 (1)]
- List of registered electors available for public inspection at local government offices [*Local Government Act*, s. 77 (3)]

SEPTEMBER 2022

Monday, September 5

- First day for the chief election officer to give public notice of required advance voting which must be held on October 5 [*Local Government Act*, s. 107 (5)]

Friday, September 9

- Nomination period ends at 4 p.m., except if insufficient candidates nominated [*Local Government Act*, s. 84 (1), 97 (2)]
- Period of objections to elector registrations ends at 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 79 (2)]
- Declaration of candidates [*Local Government Act*, s. 97 (1)]

Monday, September 12

- Extension to nomination period (if applicable) ends at 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 97 (2)]

Tuesday, September 13

- Deadline for challenge of nominations to be received by Provincial Court by 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 91]

Wednesday, September 14

- Last day to buy property and qualify as a non-resident property elector [*School Act*, s. 41 (1)(e)]

Thursday, September 15

- First day to publish notice of election [*Local Government Act*, s. 99 (1)]

Friday, September 16

- Last day for originals of faxed or emailed nomination documents to be received by the chief election officer [*Local Government Act*, s. 89 (5)]
- A person nominated for election as a school trustee may withdraw by delivering a signed withdrawal to the chief election officer by 4 p.m. After this time, the Minister of Education and Child Care must approve any such withdrawal [*Local Government Act*, s. 101 (1) and (2)]
- Deadline for withdrawal of electoral organization endorsement is 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 95]
- Provincial Court must hear and make determination regarding a challenge to a nomination by 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 91 (9)]
- Election period ends [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 10 (1)(b)]
- Pre-campaign period ends [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 10 (1.1)(b)]

Saturday, September 17

- Campaign period begins [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 10 (2)(a)]

Monday, September 19

- At 4 p.m., the chief election officer must either declare the candidates elected by acclamation or announce that an election by voting is to be held [*Local Government Act*, s. 98 (1), (2) and (3)]

Wednesday, September 28

- Last day for the chief election officer to give notice to the public of details of the advance voting opportunity on October 5 [*Local Government Act*, s. 107 (5)]

OCTOBER 2022

Wednesday, October 5

- Advance voting day [*Local Government Act*, s. 107 (1)(a)]

Saturday, October 8

- Last day to publish notice of election [*Local Government Act*, s. 99 (1)]

Saturday, October 15

- General school election [*School Act*, s. 35 (2)]
- Campaign period ends [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 10 (2)(b)]

Wednesday, October 19

- Official election results must be declared by 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 146 (1)]
- Time period for judicial recount application starts [*Local Government Act*, s. 148 (3)]
- Last day to submit report of results of an election by acclamation [*Local Government Act*, s. 158 (1)]
- Election materials available for public inspection after declaration [*Local Government Act*, s. 160 (3)]

Monday, October 24

- Last day to file an application for a judicial recount [*Local Government Act*, s. 148 (3)]

Tuesday, October 25

- First day to take the oath of office if elected by voting [*Local Government Act*, s. 147 (1)]

Friday, October 28

- Last day for judicial recount to be completed [*Local Government Act*, s. 149 (1)]

NOVEMBER 2022

Monday, November 7

- Elected school trustees take office, provided they have taken their oath [*School Act*, s. 49 (a) and 50 (3)]

Friday, November 18

- Last day to file an application with the BC Supreme Court to determine the validity of an election or the right of an elected candidate to take office (if election results declared on October 19) [*Local Government Act*, s. 153 (3)]
- Last day for the chief election officer to submit a report of the election results to the board of education [*Local Government Act*, s. 158 (1)]
- Last day for public inspection of nomination documents and election material [*Local Government Act*, s. 89 (7)(a) and 160 (3)]

DECEMBER 2022

Saturday, December 3

- Last day for trustees elected by voting to take the oath of office (if election results declared on October 19) [*School Act*, s. 50 (1)(b)]

Sunday, December 4

- Last day for trustees elected by acclamation to take the oath of office [*School Act*, s. 50(1)(a)]

Wednesday, December 7

- Last day for secretary treasurers to submit for publication to the BC Gazette the names of trustees who took office on November 7, 2022 [*Local Government Act*, s. 159]

Thursday, December 15

- If election results were declared on October 19, first possible day to destroy election materials as listed in *Local Government Act*, s. 160(8)

Saturday, December 17

- Last possible day for runoff election if judicial recount completed on October 28 [*Local Government Act*, s. 152(5)]

JANUARY 2023**Friday, January 13**

- Last day to file campaign financial disclosure statements without penalty [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 47(1)(a)]

FEBRUARY 2023**Monday, February 13**

- Last day to file campaign financial disclosure statements, subject to \$500 late filing penalty fee [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 47 (2)]
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