



City of Maple Ridge

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City of Pitt Meadows

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School District No. 42 Trustee Orientation Election Process Overview

Nominations

- The Chief Election Officer accepts all nominations which are completed and submitted at City Hall from Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 9:00 am - Friday, September 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm
- Candidate nomination papers will be posted to the City and Provincial websites
- Nominations may be challenged by an elector, another nominee, or the Chief Election Officer by filing with the Provincial Court by Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm
- Nomination packages will be available at City Hall or on website:

Maple Ridge: June 29th

Pitt Meadows: July 27th


Election Advertising

- All advertising must include who sponsored and authorized the ad
- Third party advertisers must register with Elections BC
- Can appoint an Official Agent and recruit volunteers to assist you

Campaign Financing

- Extensive requirements relative to Campaign Financing
- Financial Disclosure required to accompany nomination documents.
Campaign Disclosure required following the election
- Elections BC handles all filing and questions regarding campaign financing www.elections.bc.ca 1-855-952-0280
- Candidates' Guide, Campaign Financing Guide and other information available on the Provincial Government websites
- Must sign declaration that aware of, understand and will comply with Local Elections Campaign Financing Act (LECFA)

Campaign Financing

- Must appoint a financial agent, otherwise considered own financial agent; you can appoint yourself
- Must open a separate campaign account
- A new \$1200 per contribution limit 
- Must submit campaign disclosure statement to Elections BC within 90 days of general voting day – Friday, January 18, 2019



Election Signs

Bylaw No. 4653-1992

- Signs can be placed after Declaration of Election by voting 4:00 pm on Monday, September 24, 2018
- must be removed within 14 days of the election
- cannot be larger than 3 square metres (32.3 sq.ft.)
- cannot block view of traffic
- cannot be within 7 metres of intersections
- Must have sponsorship information on signs – financial agent name and either phone number, email address or mailing address
- Election signs and paraphernalia cannot be within 100 metres of a voting place while voting is being conducted (Oct.20 **AND** advance voting)

If signs are posted within these areas, they will be removed



Election Signs

City of Pitt Meadows Sign Bylaw 2719, 2015

- No permit required
- Signs can be placed after Declaration of Election by voting 4:00 pm on Monday, September 24, 2018 and must be removed 5 days after election
- Signs on Municipal rights of way cannot obstruct views to pedestrians and traffic. If a sign is deemed to be a hazard, you will be asked to immediately remove it or it will be removed by staff and stored at the Public Works Yard where you will need to go to retrieve it.
- Signs cannot be larger than 1.5 square metres (16.1 sq. ft.)
- Signs are NOT permitted:
 - on any bridge or overpass structure;
 - on any *City building*;
 - in any park;
 - in any highway median, median garden or boulevard garden; or
 - in the internal median of the Lougheed Highway.

Please use common sense; ensure sightlines for pedestrians/vehicles are clear

Voting Day

On General Voting Day, Saturday, October 20, 2018, a Candidate or their Representative:

- Must not distribute leaflets, canvas, or openly leave a representation of a ballot marked for a particular candidate within 100 metres of a voting place
- An individual or organization must not transmit election advertising to the public on general voting day
- May use free social media
- Advertising on internet permitted as long as it was not changed on general voting day
- May go door-to-door or phone

Voting Day

- Can appoint scrutineers to observe the voting process
- Can be present during ballot count
- Candidates may vote but may not remain at a voting place
- Welcome to watch results at Maple Ridge City Hall on October 20 at 8:00 pm

Important Dates

Nomination period begins

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 9:00 am

Nomination period ends & declaration of candidates

Friday, September 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm

Deadline for challenge of nominations

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm

Deadline for withdrawal of candidates

Friday, September 21, 2018 at 4:00 pm

Declaration of election by voting - Council Chambers

Monday, September 24, 2018 at 4:00 pm



Signs



Important Dates

Advance Voting

October 6 through October 18, 2018

Local Government Election Day

Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Declaration of Official Results - Council Chambers,

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 4:00 pm

City of Pitt Meadows



The *Natural* Place

Important Dates

- Confirmed advance polls October 10 and October 12
- Additional advance poll dates are currently under consideration. Please visit the City's website for updates.



Voting Places

12 Advance Voting Opportunities
at various locations throughout the community
between October 6th and 18th

7 Voting Locations on Election Day
Saturday October 20th



Who to Ask

Tonya Polz, City of Maple Ridge

- election@mapleridge.ca
- 604-467-7423
- www.mapleridge.ca/306

Elections BC

- lecf@elections.bc.ca
- 1-855-952-0280
- elections.bc.ca/lecf

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections



Who to Ask

Tina Penney, Chief Election Officer - 604-465-2433

Karen Elrick, Deputy Chief Election Officer - 604-465-2411

- election@pittmeadows.bc.ca
- www.pittmeadows.bc.ca

Resources

Candidates Guide:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/governance-powers/candidates_guide_to_local_elections.pdf

Elections BC: www.elections.bc.ca

Federation of Canadian Municipalities: www.fcm.ca

Union of BC Municipalities: www.ubcm.ca

Lower Mainland Local Government Association www.lgma.ca

CivicInfo: www.civicinfo.bc.ca

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Local Government Division


www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/

Ministry of Education www.gov.bc.ca/bced/

BC School Trustees Association www.bcsta.org/

City of Maple Ridge www.mapleridge.ca/306

City of Pitt Meadows www.pittmeadows.bc.ca/

A full-page background image of a mountain landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a bright yellow tent is pitched on a rocky, grassy slope. The middle ground shows rugged, rocky terrain with some sparse vegetation. In the background, a vast mountain range stretches across the horizon under a sky filled with colorful, illuminated clouds. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the middle of the image, containing the text "Thank you Questions?".

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