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## Voters

### **Am I eligible to vote?**

You are eligible to vote in the District of Mackenzie if you meet **ALL** of the following requirements.

You are:

- 18 years of age or older on the day of voting;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six months prior to voting day (April 20, 2018);
- a resident of the District of Mackenzie or the RDFFG at least 30 days prior to voting day (September 20, 2018)
- Are not disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment, or by law from voting in a local election.

### **What am I voting for?**

Eligible District of Mackenzie and RDFFG voters will be electing one (1) Mayor, six (6) Councillors, and one (1) School Trustee.

Check out the *Macktown Buzzette*, *CHMM 103.5*, candidate's websites and 'All Candidates Forums' to stay informed about candidates.

### **When and where can I vote?**

The next general election is **October 20, 2018**. Dates of advance voting and general voting day will be announced on the District of Mackenzie website, the local radio and paper, as well as distributed in mailboxes. Eligible voters can cast their vote in Council Chambers, 1 Mackenzie Blvd.

### **Why should I vote?**

Voting in a civic election is an important part of the democratic process. Elected Officials make many decisions that affect you, your family and your neighbours every day. Your vote counts!



## Do I need to register to vote?

Registration is done at the time of voting and the process is:

1. Each eligible voter produces two (2) pieces of acceptable identification (*see 'What identification should I bring to the voting location?'*);
2. Each eligible voter signs a declaration that they qualify (*see 'Am I Eligible to Vote'*); and
3. For the Voting Book, each eligible voter must provide their full name, residential address, last six digits of their Social Insurance Number OR Date of Birth AND **everyone must sign the Voting Book.**

## What identification should I bring to the voting location?

Please bring **two** pieces of identification which include your address and signature.

Examples of acceptable identification:

- B.C. Driver's License
- B.C. Identification Card
- Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle License issued by ICBC
- B.C. Services Card, B.C. CareCard or Gold CareCard
- Ministry of Social Development Income Assistance Monthly Report Form
- Social Insurance Card
- Citizenship card
- Property tax notice issued by the District of Mackenzie
- Credit or debit card
- Utility bill (electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable service)
- Student card

Please note the combination B.C. Driver's License/Care Card is **ONE** piece of identification.



## **I am a Mackenzie property owner but do not live in the District of Mackenzie. Am I eligible to vote?**

**Yes**, you must provide proof of ownership of the property for which are voting and you meet **ALL** of the following requirements.

You are:

- 18 years of age or older on the day of voting;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six months prior to voting day (April 20, 2018);
- a registered owner of real property in the District of Mackenzie for at least 30 days immediately before today (September 20, 2018);
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act, or any other enactment, or by law from voting in a local election.

If there is more than one person on title for the property, you must provide written permission from the majority of property owners authorizing you as the sole individual to vote for that property. Please contact the Chief Elections Officer for further information.

## **I own multiple properties in the District of Mackenzie but live elsewhere, can I vote for each one?**

**No**, you may only vote once as non-resident property owner and you must meet all other requirements in the previous question.

## **English is my second language, can I bring someone in to assist me?**

If you have difficulty reading or writing English, you may bring a translator to assist at the voting location. The person assisting will be required to complete and sign a declaration in order to provide translation help.



## **I have a disability, will I receive support at the voting location?**

Yes. If you require assistance with voting, you may also bring someone with you into the voting location to help you vote. Please note they will be required to complete and sign a declaration in order to provide support.

**If you have difficulty entering the voting location, you may request to receive a mail ballot. Please see the following question for details on how you can request a mail ballot package.**

## **What if I am out of town on Election Day, how can I vote?**

There will be Advance Voting Days scheduled to allow those electors that would otherwise be absent from the District of Mackenzie on Election Day. These dates will be determined closer to Election Day and will be advertised on the District's website, in mail boxes, and on the radio and the local paper. If you will be away for all advance and election day voting opportunities, you also have the option of requesting a mail ballot.

### **Requesting a Mail Ballot Package:**

Before **4:00 pm October 18, 2018** you must submit the following information to the Municipal office by mail (Bag 340, Mackenzie, BC, V0J 2C0), telephone (250-997-3221), fax (250-997-5186), or email ([diane@districti.mackenzie.bc.ca](mailto:diane@districti.mackenzie.bc.ca)):

1. Full Name,
2. Residential address
3. Address of the property in relation to which you are voting (for non-resident property electors),
4. Method of delivery of your mail ballot package:
  - a. Pick up at Municipal office, OR
  - b. Regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address, OR
  - c. Regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address that you provide when requesting the ballot package.
5. To ensure you receive the correct registration application form in your package, you must indicate whether you are going to be registering as a resident or non-resident property elector.

Mail Ballots must be received by the Chief Elections Officer at the District of Mackenzie prior to end of General Election Day - 8:00 pm October 20, 2018.



## Candidates

### **What is the criteria to run for Local Government Office?**

In October 2018, District of Mackenzie voters will elect one mayor, six councillors and one school trustee. To be eligible to run as a candidate, at the time of nomination as person must meet the following criteria.

You are:

- 18 years of age or older on the day of voting;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six months prior to voting day (April 20, 2018);
- a resident of the District of Mackenzie for at least 30 days prior to voting day (September 20, 2018);
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act, or any other enactment, or by law from voting in a local election.

To learn more about being a candidate, please visit the [Elections BC](#) website.

Please check back regularly for updated related to the 2018 Local Government Election.

### **What are the regulations for posting election/political signage?**

Regulations pertaining to election/political signage can be found in [Bylaw No. 1262 – Sign Regulation Bylaw](#).

### **What are the regulations regarding Campaign Financing & Financial Disclosure?**

These regulations and requirements are managed by Elections BC and the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*. Please visit the links below for further information:

[Elections BC - Disclosure information](#)

[Elections BC - Campaign Financing information](#)