

PREPARING FOR THE 2018 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

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GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS



Legislation:

- *Local Government Act*
- *Vancouver Charter*
- *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*
- *School Act*
- Other legislation, regulations, and local bylaws and policies

Multiple jurisdictions & variety of elected positions



1660+
elected
positions

250+
government
bodies

CHANGES SINCE 2014



- General Voting Day now 3rd Saturday in October (October 20, 2018)



- Campaign Period Expense Limits



- Campaign Financing Arrangements



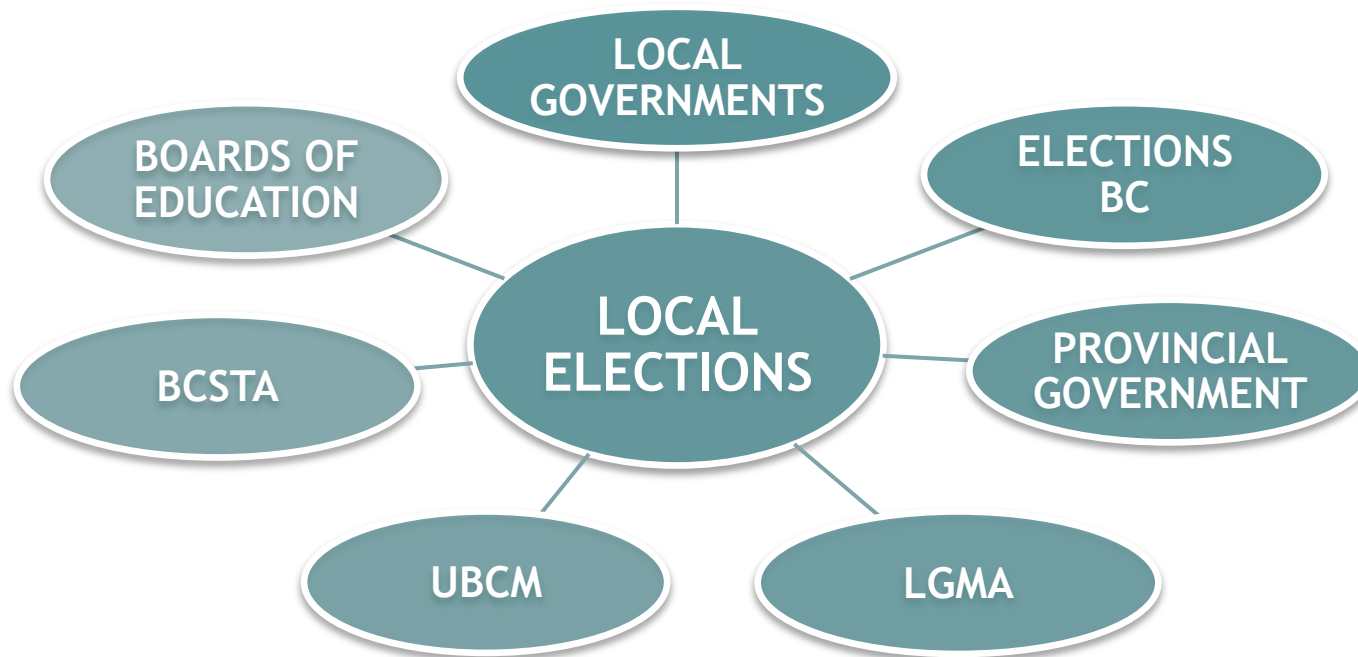
- Anticipated Campaign Contribution Limits and Prohibitions - Bill 15

- Election Period (Jan.1 - Sept.21, 2018)
- Campaign Period (Sept.22 - Oct. 20, 2018)

2018 KEY DATES

NEW!	Election Period Begins	January 1, 2018
	Last Day to Adopt Election Bylaw(s) (Local Government Elections)	July 9, 2018
	Last Day to Adopt Election Bylaw(s) (School Trustee Elections)	August 7, 2018
	Nomination Period Begins	September 4, 2018
NEW!	Nomination Period Ends & Declaration of Candidates	September 14, 2018
	Candidate Nomination Withdrawal Deadline	September 21, 2018
NEW!	Election Period Ends	September 21, 2018
NEW!	Campaign Period Begins	September 22, 2018
	Required Advance Voting Day	October 10, 2018
	General Voting Day & End of Campaign Period	October 20, 2018
	Last Day to Declare Official Election Results	October 24, 2018
	Disclosure Documents Filing Deadline	January 18, 2019
	Disclosure Documents LATE Filing Deadline	February 18, 2019

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



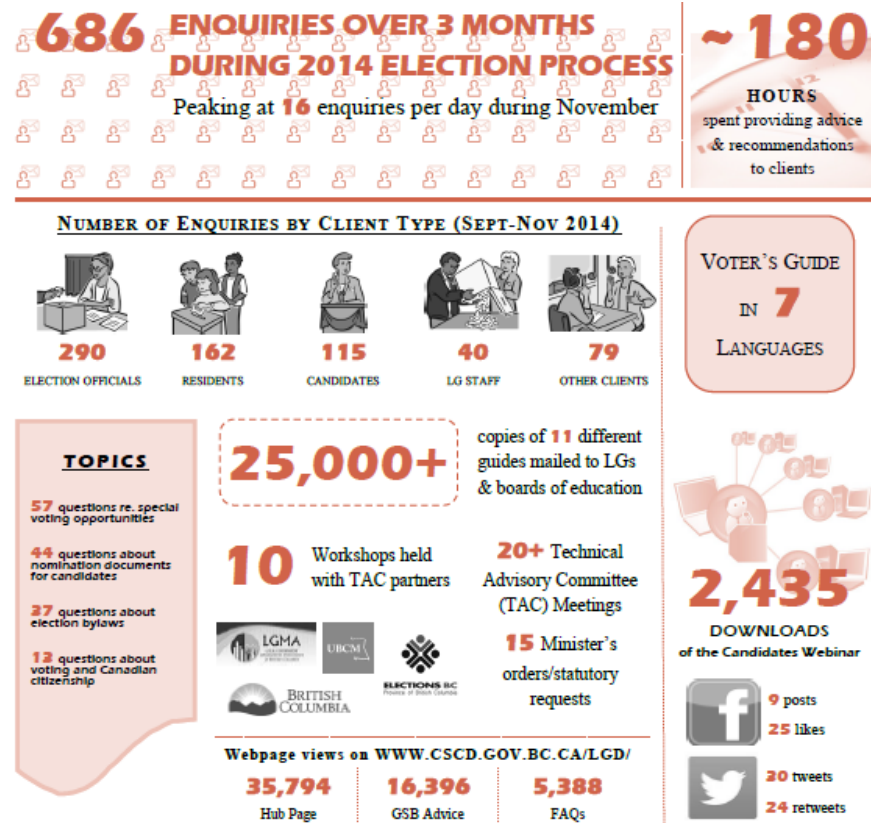


ROLE OF THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & HOUSING

- Technical Advisory Committee for Elections
- Legislative Framework
- Guidance & Advice
- Election Resources
- Provincial Approvals for Election Matters

GUIDANCE & ADVICE

- Election provisions in the LGA & CC
- Inquiries from all players in elections - staff, electors, candidates



ELECTION RESOURCES

- Candidate's Guide to Local Elections in B.C.
- Voter's Guide to Local Elections in B.C.
- Elector Organization Guide to Local Elections in B.C.
- What Every Candidate Needs to Know
- General Local Elections 101
- www.gov.bc.ca/localelections

The screenshot shows the British Columbia Government website with a search bar and navigation menu. The main content area is titled "General Local Elections" and includes a sidebar with a "General Local Elections" menu. The main text describes general local elections in B.C., held every four years on the third Saturday in October. It explains that these elections are the most direct way for the public to influence their local government, school district, or other local governance body. The text also mentions that general local elections include elections for municipal councils, regional district electoral areas, boards of education, specified parks boards, local community commissions, and the Islands Trust. A section on "Election Administration" states that the administration of general local elections and by-elections is a shared responsibility between local governments and Elections BC. Another section on "Local Elections Legislation" lists various acts such as the Local Government Act, Local Election Campaign Financing Act, Community Charter, Vancouver Charter, School Act, and Offence Act. On the right side, there are two callout boxes: "Thinking of Running for Local Office?" which includes an illustration of three people with question marks above their heads, and "Guidance & Resources" which lists several PDF guides and reports available for download.

General Local Elections

General local elections in B.C. are held every four years on the third Saturday in October. The next general local elections will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

General local elections (and by-elections) are the most direct way for the public to influence their local government, school district or other local governance body by determining the individuals who then make decisions and govern on their behalf following general voting day.

General local elections include elections for municipal councils, regional district electoral areas, boards of education, specified parks boards, local community commissions and the Islands Trust.

During the election process, candidates generally outline their platforms and objectives if they were to be elected. By choosing the candidates with the ideals and qualities that are most acceptable to the electors, citizens can directly influence the nature of the community where they reside or own property.

Election Administration

The administration of general local elections and by-elections is a shared responsibility between local governments and Elections BC. Each local government is responsible for running its own general local election. Local governments may also run school trustee elections on behalf of boards of education.

Elections BC is responsible for the administration of the provincial electoral process in B.C. and the campaign financing and third party advertising rules under the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

The B.C. government is responsible for the core local government system and its legislative framework including maintaining and changing the framework for local elections, by-elections and assent voting events.

- [Learn more about general local election administration](#)

Local Elections Legislation

- [Local Government Act](#)
- [Local Election Campaign Financing Act](#)
- [Community Charter](#)
- [Vancouver Charter](#)
- [School Act](#)
- [Offence Act](#)

Thinking of Running for Local Office?

Before making the decision to run for local office, it's important to think about how you can best serve your community if you are elected.

- [Learn about the role you will play and the impact you will have on your community as an elected official](#)

Guidance & Resources






- [CivInfo BC - Local Election Results](#)
- [Elector Organization Guide to Local Elections in B.C. \(PDF\)](#)
- [General Local Elections 101 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Thinking of Running for Local Office? \(PDF\)](#)
- [Voter's Guide to Local Government Elections in B.C. \(PDF\)](#)
- [What Every Candidate Needs to Know \(PDF\)](#)

Material for Candidates

- Videos:
 - Characteristics of Effective Locally Elected Officials
 - What is Local Government?
 - Testing Your Readiness for Local Office
 - Local Government Decision Making
 - Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Officials
- Brochures:
 - Thinking of Running For Office
 - Foundational Principles of Responsible Conduct
- Web:
 - www.gov.bc.ca/localgov-elected-officials-conduct
 - www.gov.bc.ca/localgov-thinking-running-local-office



CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization	Responsibility	Contact Info
 <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA</p>	Training and support for election administrators	250-383-7032 www.lgma.ca
 <p>ELECTIONS BC A non-partisan Office of the Legislature</p>	Campaign financing and election advertising	1-855-952-0280 lecf@elections.bc.ca www.elections.bc.ca/lecf
 <p>Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing</p>	Local government election information related to the Local Government Act and Community Charter	250-387-4020 lggovernance@gov.bc.ca http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov_structure/elections/index.htm
 <p>Ministry of Education</p>	School trustee election information related to the <i>School Act</i>	(250) 387-8037 EDUC.Governance.Legislation@gov.bc.ca https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education.../school-trustee-election-procedures
 <p>British Columbia School Trustees Association</p>	School trustee election information	aackah@bcsta.org http://www.bcsta.org/