

General School Election Significant Dates

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AUGUST, 2011

Tuesday, August 9

- Last day to write to the Minister of Education requesting an Advance Voting Exemption Order [Advance Voting Exemption Guidelines]

Sunday, August 28

- First day for notice of closure of advance elector registration by a local government officer [Local Government Act, s. 56(5)]
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SEPTEMBER, 2011

Sunday, September 4

- First day on which a chief election officer can issue a notice of nomination [*Local Government Act*, s.70 (1)(4)]
- Last day for a board of education to adopt or amend election bylaws for the November 19 election [*School Act*, s.45 (6)], except for bylaws requiring nomination deposits [*Local Government Act*, s. 73 (1)]

Tuesday, September 20

- Last day for notice of closure of advance elector registration by a local government officer [*Local Government Act*, s. 56 (5)]

Tuesday September 27

- Last day for advance elector registration [*Local Government Act*, s. 56 (4)]
- Last day for chief election officer to issue a notice of nomination [*Local Government Act*, s.70(1)(4)]

Wednesday, September 28

- Last day for local government to adopt bylaw to use provincial list of voters as list of registered electors [*Local Government Act* s. 59 (2)]
- Provincial list of voters becomes school district list of registered electors, if applicable [*School Act*, s.43(5)]

OCTOBER, 2011

Tuesday, October 4

- Period for receiving nominations begins at 9 a.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 69 (1)]
- List of registered electors available for public inspection at local government offices [*Local Government Act*, s. 62 (3)]

Tuesday, October 11

- First day for the chief election officer to give public notice of required advance voting which must be held on November 9 [*Local Government Act*, s. 97 (6)]

Friday, October 14

- Nomination period ends at 4 p.m., except if insufficient candidates nominated [*Local Government Act*, s. 69 (1), s. 74 (2)]
- Period of objections to elector registrations ends at 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 64 (2)]
- Declaration of candidates [*Local Government Act*, s. 74 (1)]

Monday, October 17

- Extension to nomination period (if applicable) ends at 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 74 (2)]

Tuesday, October 18

- Deadline for challenge of nominations to be received by Provincial Court by 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 75 (2)]

(NOTE: challenge deadline may be extended if nomination period is extended under *Local Government Act*, section 74(2))

Wednesday, October 19

- Last day to move or buy property and qualify as an elector [*Local Government Act*, s. 50 (1) (d) and s. 51 (1) (e)]

Thursday, October 20

- First day to publish notice of election [*Local Government Act*, s.77(1)]

Friday, October 21

- Last day for originals of faxed nomination documents to be received by the chief election officer [*Local Government Act*, s. 73 (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 must approve any such withdrawal [*Local Government Act*, s. 80 (1) (2)]
- Deadline for withdrawal of electoral organization endorsement is 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 79(6)]
- Provincial Court must hear and make determination regarding a challenge to a nomination by 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 75 (7)]

Monday, October 24

- 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. 76(1) (2) (3)]
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NOVEMBER, 2011

Wednesday, November 2

- Last day for the chief election officer to give notice to the public of details of the advance voting opportunity on November 9 [*Local Government Act*, s. 97 (6)]

Wednesday, November 9

- Advance voting day [*Local Government Act*, s. 97 (2) (a)]

Saturday, November 12

- Last day to publish notice of election [*Local Government Act*, s. 77 (1)]

Saturday, November 19

- General school election [*School Act*, s. 35 (2)]

Wednesday, November 23

- Official election results must be declared by 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 136 (1)]
- Time period for judicial recount application starts [*Local Government Act*, s. 138 (3)]
- Last day to submit report results of an election by acclamation [*Local Government Act*, s. 148 (1)]
- Election materials available for public inspection after declaration [*Local Government Act*, s. 150]

Monday, November 28

- Last day to file an application for a judicial recount [*Local Government Act*, s. 138 (3)]

Tuesday, November 29

- First day to take oath of office if elected by voting [*Local Government Act*, s. 137 (1)]

DECEMBER, 2011

Friday, December 2

- Last day for judicial recount to be completed [*Local Government Act*, s. 139 (1)]

Monday, December 5

- Elected school trustees take office, provided they have taken their oath [*School Act*, s. 49 (a) and s. 50(1)]

December 21 to 23 (dependent on date of declaration of election results)

- 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 [*Local Government Act*, s. 143 (3)]

Friday, December 23

- Last day for the chief election officer to submit a report of the election results to the board of education [*Local Government Act*, s. 148 (1)]
 - Last day for public inspection of nomination documents and election material [*Local Government Act*, s 73(6)(a),s. 150 (3)]
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JANUARY, 2012

Saturday, January 7

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

Wednesday, January 4

- Last day for the secretary treasurers to submit for publication to the BC Gazette the names of trustees who took office December 5, 2011 [*Local Government Act*, s. 149]

Thursday, January 19

- If election results were declared on November 23, first possible day to destroy election materials as listed in *Local Government Act*, s. 150 (6).

Saturday, January 21

- Last possible day for runoff election if judicial recount completed on December 2, 2009 [*Local Government Act*, s. 142]
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MARCH, 2012

Monday, March 19

- Last day for all financial agents of candidates, elector organizations and campaign organizers' to file campaign financing disclosure statements without penalty [*Local Government Act*, s. 90 (1)]
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APRIL, 2012

Wednesday, April 18

- End of grace period for filing campaign financing disclosure statements. As soon as practicable, secretary treasurer or local government officer must report at an open meeting of the board the names of late or non-filing candidates and send a copy of the

report (with nomination form or elector organization endorsement declaration) to the inspector of municipalities for inclusion in the disqualification list. [*Local Government Act*, s. 90, 90.2, and 92.2]