


**2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTION PLANNING**

2026-JAN-14 Advisory Committee on Accessibility and
Inclusiveness Meeting


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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- General Local Election Overview
- Election Planning
- Voting Opportunities
- Accessible Voting
- Accessibility for Candidates and Election Officials
- Key Dates in the Election Cycle
- Voter and Candidate Eligibility Criteria

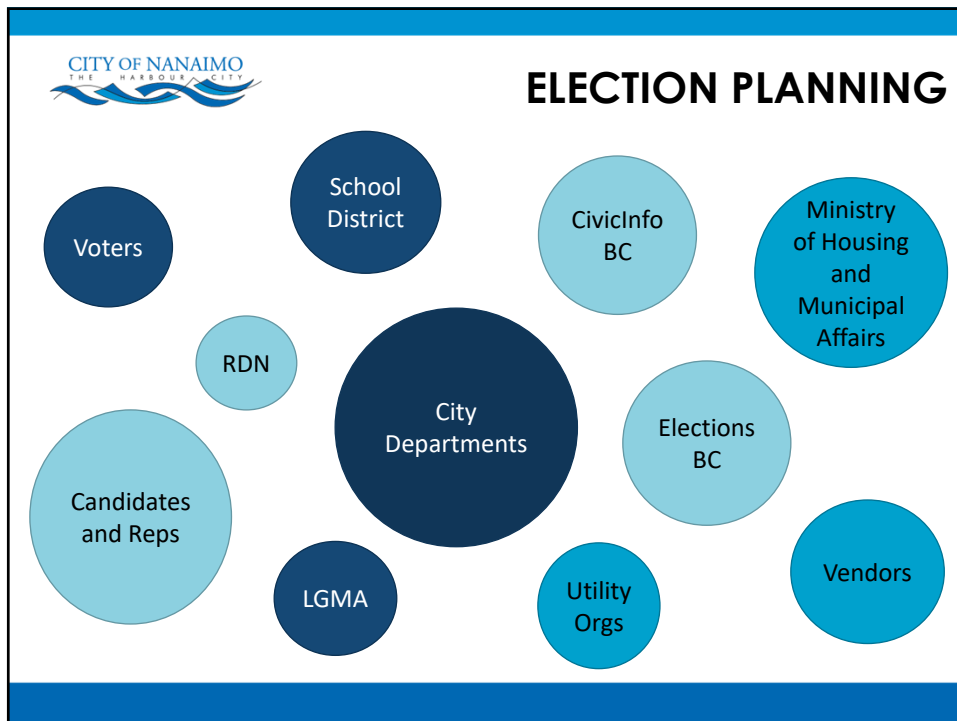
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 CITY OF NANAIMO
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GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION OVERVIEW

- Held every 4 years
- General Voting Day: **October 17, 2026**
- Nanaimo voters will elect:
 - Mayor and 8 Councillors
 - School Board Trustees
- Inaugural Council Meeting: **November 9, 2026**

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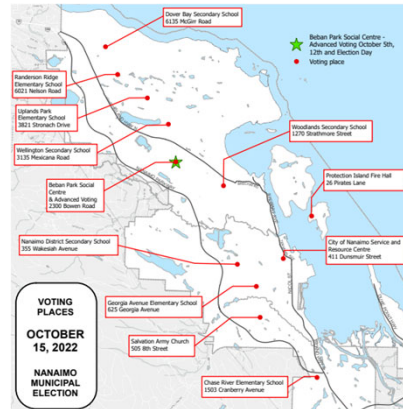


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VOTING OPPORTUNITIES (2022 and 2026)

- Two (2) advance voting days
- 12 voting places on the General Voting Day
- Vote by mail ballot




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VOTING OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

- Voting places site visits in January 2026
 - Building accessibility (entrance/exit)
 - Voting room accessibility (entrance/exit)
 - Voting place layout and traffic flow
 - Parking space availability
 - Transportation options


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QUESTIONS ON VOTING OPPORTUNITIES?



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ACCESSIBLE VOTING

- Assistance with marking the ballot
- Curbside voting
- Mail ballot voting
- Training of election officials
- Communication mediums

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ACCESSIBILITY FOR CANDIDATES AND ELECTION OFFICIALS

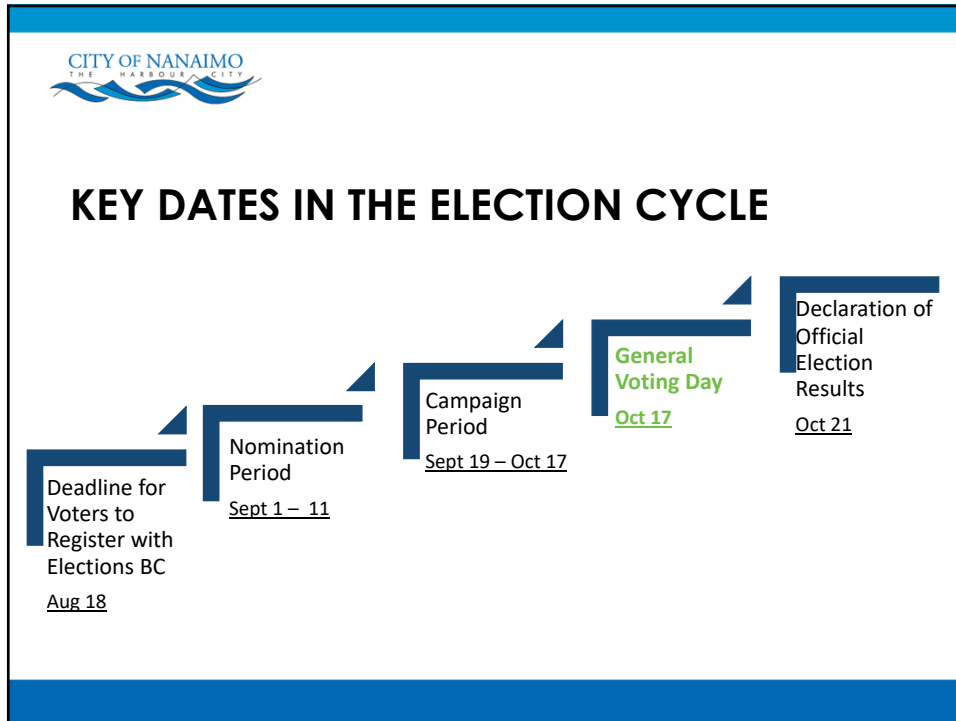
- Providing information in print and online
- Ability to accept candidate nomination documents in-person, email, mail and fax
- Communicating in advance election official position types and requirements

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QUESTIONS ON ACCESSIBILITY OF ELECTION

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION



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