

**TOWN OF GIBSONS
MAIL BALLOT VOTING INFORMATION**

2011 General Local Elections and Other Voting

1. WHO CAN VOTE BY MAIL?

On Saturday, November 19, 2011, from 8 am to 8 pm, the Town of Gibsons will hold the general local elections for Mayor, four Councillors, and one School Trustee.

Electors may vote by mail if they:

- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, OR
- expect to be absent from the Town of Gibsons on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities.

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

You are allowed to vote if you are registered as:

- a resident elector (i.e., you live in the Town of Gibsons), OR
- a non-resident property elector (i.e., you live elsewhere in BC but you own property in the Town of Gibsons).

You must meet **all** of the following requirements to vote:

1. You must be 18 years of age or older on general voting day (November 19, 2011).
2. You must be a Canadian citizen.
3. You must have been a resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before you register to vote.
4. You must have
 - (a) been a resident of the Town of Gibsons for at least 30 days immediately before you register to vote (for resident electors), OR
 - (b) owned property (land) in the Town of Gibsons for at least 30 days immediately before you register to vote (for non-resident property electors).
5. You must not have been disqualified by law from voting.

3. HOW DO YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

You must register on the Town of Gibsons List of Electors, either in advance (until September 27) or at the time of voting. If you missed the advance registration, an application form will be included in your mail ballot package.

If you wish to confirm that your name is on the Town of Gibsons List of Electors, or you want to register a change of name or address, contact the Town of Gibsons office at 604.886.2274 or email mjansson@gibsons.ca.

4. REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE

Before 4 pm on November 16th, 2011 you must submit the following information to the Town of Gibsons office (by mail, telephone, fax or email to mjansson@gibsons.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 Town of Gibsons 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. If you are not on the list of electors, 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.

The Town of Gibsons will send out mail ballot packages as soon as possible after finalization of candidates on October 21st, 2011. To be counted for the election or other voting, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on November 19, 2011.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

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