

PUBLIC NOTICE

District of Fort St. James NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

An election by voting is to be held to elect a Mayor and four Councillors, and that the following persons are candidates for each office:

MAYOR – One (1) to be Elected

Candidate Name (SURNAME, Given name)	Jurisdiction of Residence
ELPHEE, Martin	District of Fort St. James
MOTION, Bob Maxwell	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Area C

COUNCILLOR – Four (4) to be Elected

Candidate Name (SURNAME, Given name)	Jurisdiction of Residence
BOSCHMAN, Corbett	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Area C
ELLISON, Michael	District of Fort St. James
FRIESEN, Judith	Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Area C
GAINOR, Jana	District of Fort St. James
GOUGLAS, Brenda	District of Fort St. James
HOWELL, Jennifer	District of Fort St. James
NIELSEN, Kris	District of Fort St. James

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

ADVANCE VOTING DAY will be:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm
in Council Chambers at 477 Stuart Drive West, Fort St. James, BC

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be:

Saturday, October 17, 2026, between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm
in Council Chambers at 477 Stuart Drive West, Fort St. James, BC

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

You may register at the time of voting by completing the application form available at the voting place and making a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 17, 2026;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a resident of the District of Fort St. James on the day of registration (at time of voting); and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

To register as a non-resident property elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 17, 2026;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a registered owner of real property in the District of Fort St. James for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not be disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

In addition, for non-resident property electors:

- The only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.
- If more than one individual is registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the individual owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

In addition, in order to register at time of voting:

Resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent** from the majority of the property owners.

TYPES OF DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS IDENTIFICATION

You must produce at least two (2) documents that provide evidence of your identity and place of residence, at least one (1) of which must contain your signature. The following classes of documents will be accepted:

- (a) a British Columbia Driver's Licence,
- (b) a BC Identification Card within the meaning of the Identification Card Regulation,

- (c) a photo BC services card within the meaning of the Identification Card Regulation,
- (d) a non-photo BC services card within the meaning of the Identification Card Regulation,
- (e) a document, issued by the government of Canada, that certifies that the applicant is registered as an Indian under the *Indian Act* (Canada),
- (f) a citizenship or membership card issued by a first nation,
- (g) a citizenship card issued by Metis Nation British Columbia,
- (h) an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC),
- (i) a British Columbia CareCard or British Columbia Gold CareCard,
- (j) a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8,
- (k) a Social Insurance Number card or confirmation of Social Insurance Number letter issued by the government of Canada,
- (l) a Citizenship Card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada,
- (m) a real property tax notice issued under section 237 of the Community Charter or section 21 of the Taxation (Rural Area) Act,
- (n) a credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution as defined in section 29 of the *Interpretation Act*, or
- (o) a utility bill issued for the supply of electricity, natural gas, water, telephone service or coaxial cable services by:
 - i. a public utility as defined in section 1 of the *Utilities Commission Act*,
 - ii. a gas utility as defined in section 1 of the *Gas Utility Act*,
 - iii. a water utility as defined in section 1 of the *Water Utility Act*,
 - iv. the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, or
 - v. a corporation licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission for the purposes of that supply.

The above listed identification documents **MUST** be accepted by election officials. An election official may also accept other forms of documents that provide evidence satisfactory to the election official (e.g., a valid, current passport).

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

Before 4:00 pm on October 15, 2026, if you wish to vote by mail, you must submit an application to the District of Fort St. James. The application is available online at www.fortstjames.ca/elections or in person at the District Office (477 Stuart Drive West).

To be counted, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2026.