



2026 General Local Elections Information: Voting by Mail

What are the General Local Elections?

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District is conducting elections on October 17, 2026, for:

- The office of "A" (Bamfield), "D" (Sproat Lake), "E" (Beaver Creek), "F" (Cherry Creek) Electoral Area Director(s);
- The School District 70 Pacific Rim Trustee(s); and
- A Referendum for Cherry Creek Electoral Area.

Who can request a Mail Ballot Voting Package?

Eligible voters can apply to vote by mail if they reside in one of the following areas:

- Electoral Areas: "A" (Bamfield), "D" (Sproat Lake), "E" (Beaver Creek), "F" (Cherry Creek) – Eligible voters can vote in the Electoral Area Director Election.
- Electoral Areas: "A" (Bamfield), "B" (Beaufort), "D" (Sproat Lake), "E" (Beaver Creek), "F" (Cherry Creek) – Eligible voters can vote in the School District Trustee Election (Trustee Electoral Area #2).
- Additionally, Eligible voters in the Cherry Creek Electoral Area can vote in the Cherry Creek Community Recreation Commission Grant Service Establishment Referendum.
- Maa-nulth Treaty Lands: Huu-ay-aht and Uchucklesaht - Eligible voters can vote in the School District Trustee Election.
- First Nation Reserves: Ditidaht (portion in ACRD), Hupacasath, Tseshah – Eligible voters can vote in the Electoral Area Director Election and School District Trustee Election.

Eligible voters applying to vote by mail must be:

1. 18 years of age or older on October 17, 2026; **AND**
2. a Canadian citizen; **AND**
3. a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day of voter registration; **AND**
4. a resident of the regional district electoral area or trustee electoral area; **OR**
a non-resident owner of real property in the regional district electoral area or trustee electoral area for at least 30 days immediately before the day of voter registration; **AND**
5. not disqualified by law from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

Non-Resident Property Electors

The following information is for Non-Resident Property Electors

- Only **one** registered owner may vote on behalf of a property.
- If there is more than one registered owner, the person voting must receive consent from the majority of the registered owners by completing the Non-Resident Property Elector Consent Form included in the Request for Mail Ballot package.

What delivery methods are available for my Mail Ballot Voting Package?

The following options are available for delivery of your Mail Ballot Voting Package:

1. Keep the package at the ACRD Office for you, or an authorized person to pick up
2. Mail the package to your residential address
3. Mail the package to an address you specify

When will I receive my Mail Ballot Voting Package?

If your application is filled out correctly, the Chief Election Officer will send you a mail ballot package starting on or around **September 28, 2026**. If your application is received after October 8th and time does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the ACRD Office, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC.

NOTE: Should a postal service disruption occur during any election or referendum, it is the obligation of the person voting to ensure that the Chief Election Officer receives the mail ballot by the close of voting on general voting day.

How do I request my Mail Ballot Voting Package?

Before 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2026, you may submit your completed application form by mail, email, fax, or in person to:

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Attn: Cynthia Dick

3008 Fifth Avenue

Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3

Email: elections@acrd.bc.ca

Phone: 250-720-2700

Fax: 250-723-1327

Not sure what Electoral Area you live in?

Visit www.acrd.bc.ca/2026election

or call the ACRD Office 250-720-2700

Completed Mail Ballot packages must be received by 8:00 pm **October 17, 2026** delivered to the **ACRD Office Boardroom** 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC or **any ACRD Voting Location**.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Dick, Chief Elections Officer at 250-720-2706 or elections@acrd.bc.ca