

VILLAGE OF
ANMORE



Thinking about running for local office?

CANDIDATE INFORMATION
2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION



Overview

- **BECOMING A CANDIDATE**
- **ELECTED OFFICIAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
- **ELECTION DAY**
- **ELECTED OFFICIAL 411**

Becoming a Candidate





Reference Materials

ANMORE.COM/ELECTIONS

- Nominations and eligibility
- Elections BC FAQ and information
- Candidate financing
- Village Bylaws and Policies
- SD43 Bylaws and Info
- Timelines





Qualifications for Office

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR MAYOR, COUNCIL OR SCHOOL TRUSTEE YOU MUST:

- **BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON GENERAL VOTING DAY (OCTOBER 17, 2026)**
- **BE A CANADIAN CITIZEN**
- **HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO FILING OF NOMINATION DOCUMENTS (MARCH 10, 2026)**
- **NOT BE DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING NOMINATED FOR, OR BEING ELECTED TO OR HOLDING OFFICE**



Nomination

- **NOMINATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE: HARD COPIES AT VILLAGE HALL OR BY EMAIL REQUEST TO ELECTIONS@ANMORE.COM**
- **NOMINATION PERIOD FROM 9 AM SEPT 1, 2026 TO 4 PM SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 – STRICTLY ENFORCED**
- **NO NOMINATION DEPOSIT REQUIRED**
- **2 QUALIFIED NOMINATORS – MUST BE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS**
- **CANNOT BE NOMINATED FOR MORE THAN ONE ELECTED OFFICE IN SAME LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MAYOR OR COUNCIL)**
- **CANNOT BE ELECTED TO BOTH LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL OFFICES**
- **CANNOT BE NOMINATED FOR MORE THAN ONE ELECTED TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREA WITHIN 1 SCHOOL DISTRICT**



Nomination

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- C1 – Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form
- C2 – Nomination Documents
- C3 – Other Information Provided by Candidate
- C4 – Appointment of Financial Agent
- Statement of Disclosure – Financial Disclosure Act

OPTIONAL, IF APPLICABLE

- C5 – Appointment of Candidate Official Agent
- C6 – Appointment of Candidate Scrutineer
- Candidate Information Release Authorization
- Candidate Canvasser Authorization Form



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2026 General Local Elections



2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

The next general local elections will be held on **October 17, 2026**.

What are general local elections

General local elections include elections for:

- mayors and municipal councillors
- regional district directors

Guidance Materials

It is your responsibility to ensure you follow the rules in the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

See the resources below for support and guidance:



Campaign – Financing/Advertising

- **ELECTIONS BC ADMINISTERS – WWW.ELECTIONS.BC.CA**
- **LOCAL ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCING ACT**
- **START OF ELECTION PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2026**
 - Advertising or activities to promote the candidate are election expenses and must be reported
- **PRE CAMPAIGN PERIOD BEGINS JULY 20, 2026/CAMPAIGN PERIOD SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**
 - Advertising rules come into effect
 - Election advertising used must include an authorization statement
- **ELECTOR ORGANIZATIONS MUST REGISTER WITH ELECTIONS BY JULY 31, 2026**
- **EACH CANDIDATE MUST APPOINT A FINANCIAL AGENT (CAN BE CANDIDATE)**
 - Must have campaign account
 - Campaign expense limits \$12,323.78 for Mayor and \$6,161.89 for Councillor/School Trustee
 - No anonymous contributions over \$50
 - Giving money to your own campaign is a contribution ($1429.70 + 1429.70 = 2958.40$)



Campaign – Financing/Advertising

- Advertising outside of the pre-campaign and campaign periods is **not** election advertising.

Election advertising	Not election advertising
▪ television, radio, newspaper or magazine advertisements ▪ signs, billboards, posters, bumper stickers or branded clothing or objects ▪ newsletters, brochures, mailing inserts or other advertising sent to the public ▪ online ads with a placement cost (e.g. paid social media posts) ▪ phone calls made using an automated system (i.e., robocalls) ▪ paid canvassing in person, by telephone or over the internet to attempt to influence how voters vote	▪ personal or private communications ▪ free media coverage (such as broadcasted candidate debates, news stories, radio interviews, etc.) ▪ a communication by an individual or group sent directly to their members, employees or shareholders ▪ any free communication on the internet (such as unpaid social media posts) ▪ free person-to-person phone calls or text messages ▪ websites or blogs ▪ producing, promoting or distributing a publication if it was planned to be sold whether or not there was an election



Now you are running.....

THINGS TO KNOW

- Questions for Village Staff
- Logo Use
- Sign restrictions
- Election offences
- Election staff
- Ballot count



Elected Official Roles and Responsibilities





Legislation and Authority

- COMMUNITY CHARTER
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT
- VILLAGE BYLAWS
- VILLAGE POLICIES





What is NOT under your control

HEALTH CARE

EDUCATION *EXCEPT TRUSTEE

WATER/SEWER (EXCEPT LOCAL)

FISHERIES

POLICE

TRANSIT SERVICES

OTHERS?



WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THESE SERVICES: LOBBY FOR COMMUNITY



Council Decision Making

- **DECISIONS ARE MADE AS A COLLECTIVE BODY BY RESOLUTION OR BYLAW**
 - No authority for individual members
- **DECISIONS ARE MADE IN A COUNCIL MEETING**
 - Very limited criteria for holding closed Council Meetings
- **CONSIDER COMMITTEE OR STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - Council is the decision-making authority, committees and staff provide recommendations or advice



Council Responsibilities

Community Charter

- TO CONSIDER THE WELL-BEING AND INTERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND ITS COMMUNITY;
- TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE MUNICIPALITY RESPECTING ITS SERVICES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES;
- TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES TO WHICH THE MEMBER IS APPOINTED;
- TO CARRY OUT OTHER DUTIES ASSIGNED BY THE COUNCIL;
- TO CARRY OUT OTHER DUTIES ASSIGNED UNDER THIS OR ANY OTHER ACT



Mayor Additional Responsibilities Community Charter

- HEAD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE - CHANGING
- TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING BY RECOMMENDING BYLAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES THAT, IN THE MAYOR'S OPINION, MAY ASSIST THE PEACE, ORDER AND GOOD GOVERNMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY;
- TO COMMUNICATE INFORMATION TO THE COUNCIL;
- TO PRESIDE (CHAIR) AT COUNCIL MEETINGS WHEN IN ATTENDANCE;
- TO PROVIDE, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL, GENERAL DIRECTION TO MUNICIPAL OFFICERS RESPECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF MUNICIPAL POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND OTHER DIRECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL;
- TO REFLECT THE WILL OF COUNCIL AND TO CARRY OUT OTHER DUTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

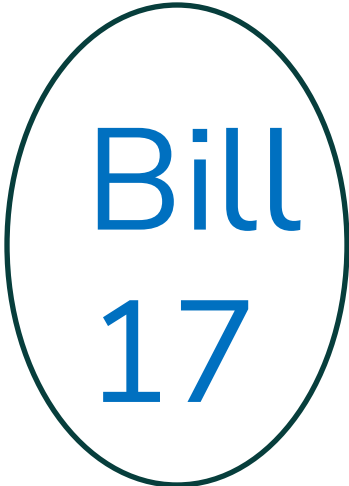


Council Code of Conduct

ESSENTIAL TO GOOD GOVERNANCE

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION COMING

- PRINCIPLES
 - INTEGRITY
 - ACCOUNTABILITY
 - RESPECT
 - LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

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Bill
17



Role of Elected Officials

- SET STRATEGIC DIRECTION
- ADOPT LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL PLAN
- BROADLY ALLOCATE RESOURCES TO SERVICES, CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND OTHER PRIORITIES
- REPRESENT CITIZENS
- ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY
- MAKE POLICIES AND ADOPT BYLAWS



Role of Staff

- CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
- PROVIDE COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION AND PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TO INFORM DECISION MAKING
- IMPLEMENT DIRECTION, DECISIONS AND POLICIES OF COUNCIL
- MANAGE VILLAGE'S RESOURCES





Council, Committees, Staff

COUNCIL

- Sets strategic plan for long term vision and direction
- Leadership
- Decision makers

STAFF

- Provides advice to Council
- Provides information to Council
- Implements decisions of Council

COMMITTEES

- Advisory bodies to Council, not decision makers

Election Day





What you need to know...

- When to cast your own vote
 - Linger
- No campaigning within 100 m of voting place
- Scrutineers
- Official Agents
- Enticement and election offences
- End of day, what does that look like for you?
- Signs down





General Voting Day - Campaigning

- **Can you sponsor election advertising on General Voting Day (GVD)?**
- No, individuals and organizations must not sponsor, or agree to sponsor, election advertising on GVD.
- This restriction does **not** apply to:
 - Online messages that were transmitted to the public before General Voting Day and not changed before the close of general voting
 - signs, posters or banners
 - the distribution of pamphlets
 - online messages for the sole purpose of encouraging voters to vote
- **What campaign activities are allowed on General Voting Day?**

The following activities **are** allowed on General Voting Day:

- live person-to-person telephone calls (not conducted on a commercial basis)
- door-to-door canvassing (not conducted on a commercial basis)
- handing out brochures
- free social media use
- placing election signs or advertising or posters
- mainstreeting (i.e., sign waving)
- These activities must **not** take place within 100 metres of a voting place



Are there rules for media organizations on General Voting Day?

- Yes, media organizations (e.g., newspapers) must not publish any election advertising regardless of its medium.
- Online advertising published before General Voting Day may remain published but must not be changed in any way.
- Media organizations may publish **without charge**: news, editorials, interviews, columns, letters, debates, speeches or commentaries, television programs and radio shows. This includes interviews and stories about candidates.

Elected Official 411





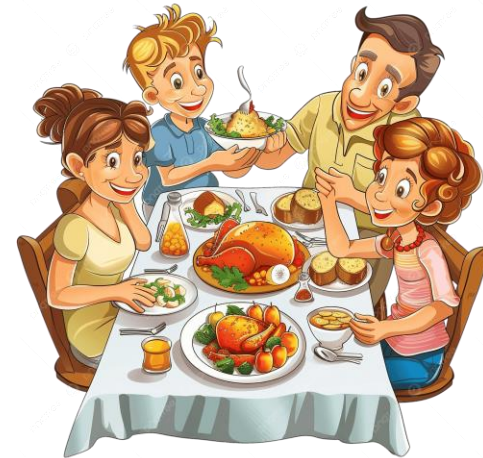
Life as you know it.....

COUNCIL

- Quick walk to the park or shopping trip
- Privacy
- Free time
- Social media pitfalls “keyboard cowards”
- Expectation to be “in the know” and share
- Ability to focus on one issue
- Freedom of Information

FAMILY

- What does this mean to them
- Dealing with the negatives





Time Commitment

***Regular Council Meetings – Tues
7 pm, 2X per month***

MAYOR

- Expect 40+ hours per week?
- \$55,700 annually (2026)
 - Paid monthly, 30th or 31st
- Evening and daytime commitments
- Weekend commitments
- Meetings and community events both inside and outside community
- Meeting and preparation time
- Regularly meeting with CAO
- Communicating with Council

COUNCIL

- Expect 20+ hours per week?
- \$24,800 annually (2026)
- Evening and daytime commitments
- Weekend commitments
- Meetings and community events both inside and outside community
- Meeting and preparation time for meetings



Time Commitment - Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Open and Closed Meetings
- Tuesday evenings
- Mandatory attendance

COMMITTEES

- Finance Committee
- Community Engagement Culture & Inclusion Committee
- Environment Committee
- Parks & Recreation Committee
- Public Safety Committee





Time Commitment – more meetings.....

EXTERNAL AGENCIES

- Council Liaison
- Metro Vancouver
- Sasamat Fire Department Board of Trustees
- TransLink
- BC Hydro
- Fraser Health
- School District 43
- Coquitlam RCMP
- Provincial/Federal Government
- Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

- Residents
- Businesses
- Community groups



Do your homework

- FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH KEY PLANNING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, BYLAWS, PROCEDURE BYLAW, CODE OF CONDUCT
- WATCH A COUNCIL MEETING
- VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE
- READ THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT*, *COMMUNITY CHARTER*, *LOCAL ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCING ACT*
- OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE:
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs
 - Union of BC Municipalities
 - Local Government Leadership Academy
 - Local Government Management Association of BC



Collaborative Decision Making

ONCE THE ELECTION IS OVER YOU ARE PART OF THE SAME TEAM

- DILIGENT
- RESPONSIBLE
- PROACTIVE
- COMMITTED
- PATIENT / TOLERANT
- SELF-AWARE
- BE NICE



Questions?

