

# DISTRICT OF SEHELTT 2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

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## ELECTOR REGISTRATION

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Are you eligible to vote in the November elections for Mayor and Councillor for the District of Sechelt? Is your name on the current list of electors?

If you are not sure you can find out by visiting the District of Sechelt office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5797 Cowrie Street, Sechelt, or by calling the District office at 604 885-1986. The office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday (excluding holidays).

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## ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

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### RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- age 18 or older on general voting day for the election; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a resident of the District of Sechelt for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election and not otherwise disqualified by law.

### NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- age 18 or older on general voting day for the election; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the District of Sechelt for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
- a person may only register as a non-resident property elector in relation to one parcel of real property in a jurisdiction.

**NOTE: No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector and no corporation is entitled to vote.**

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## ADVANCE NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR REGISTRATION

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**Non-Resident Property Electors registering for the first time are encouraged to contact the District of Sechelt well in advance of voting opportunities to allow sufficient time for processing your application**

In addition to the above requirements, Non-Resident Property Electors must provide:

- proof of property ownership by producing a copy of property title or current Land Title Office search, registered agreement for sale, or 99 year lease document. **Property Tax or BC Assessment documents are not acceptable.** In most cases, election officials will be able to access a Land Title Office search on your behalf.

- if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent from a majority of the other registered owners** authorizing you to vote is required. **This consent must be on the prescribed form obtained in advance from the Chief Election Officer** or designate at the District of Sechelt office. Forms are available by mail, fax, email or at the District's web site at [Sechelt.ca](http://Sechelt.ca)

**Advance Registration:** Non-resident property elector registrations will be accepted at the District of Sechelt office until November 13, 2014 (see above for address and times). For your name to appear on the List of Registered Non-Resident Property Electors, your **completed registration form**, together with other required documentation (**written consent of a majority of owners of the property where necessary and proof of ownership**) must be received at the District of Sechelt office on or before that date. Advance registration for non-resident property electors does not reopen until Monday, November 17, 2014.

**General Voting Day Registration:** If, as a non-resident property elector, you choose to apply to register on general voting day, you must have the following documentation with you: **proof of ownership, two pieces of identification (one of which must contain your signature), written consent of a majority of the property owners if there is more than one owner.**

Registration and consent forms are available prior to general voting day through the District of Sechelt office or on the District's website at [Sechelt.ca](http://Sechelt.ca). Registration forms will be available at the voting places on general voting day.

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## RESIDENT ELECTOR REGISTRATION

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There is no advance registration for resident electors. Eligible resident electors, who are not on the List of Registered Electors, may apply to register on general voting day by providing two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity of the elector. If an elector does not have documentation showing residency, two pieces of identification are still required (at least one with a signature) and the elector must make a solemn declaration as to the applicant's place of residence.

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## LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

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Beginning September 30, 2014 until the close of general voting for the election on November 15, 2014, a copy of the list of registered electors will, upon signature, be available for public inspection, at the District of Sechelt office at the address and times shown in the box at the top of this notice. Electors have the right to request that personal information be omitted or obscured on the list in order to protect their personal privacy or security. Please contact the Chief Election Officer for further details on the exclusion of personal information from the list.

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## OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

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An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the *Local Government Act* until 4:00 pm on October 10, 2014. An objection must be in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the District of Sechelt and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the District of Sechelt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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