



TOWN OF CRESTON 2024 LOCAL BY-ELECTION

NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Creston that a By-election by voting is necessary to elect two (2) Councillors, for a term ending October 2026, and that the persons nominated as candidates, and for whom votes will be received, are:

Councillor - Two (2) to be elected

Surname	Usual Name	Residential Address
HAWTON	Carolyn	Hillside Street, Creston
HOLLAND	Megan	33 rd Avenue North, Erickson
IRWIN	Scott	Canyon Street, Creston
KLIMEK	Rick	Northwest Blvd., Creston
WASSINK	Micah	12 th Avenue North, Creston

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

ADVANCE VOTING will be available to qualified electors at the **Upper Rotacrest Hall**, 230 – 19th Avenue North, on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**, and **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**, between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES will be open on **Monday, March 4, 2024**, at **Crest View Village**, 800 Cavell Street, between the hours of **9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**; **Swan Valley Lodge**, 818 Vancouver Street, between the hours of **12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**; and, **Creston Valley Hospital**, 312 - 15th Avenue North, between the hours of **3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Only those qualified electors who are residents, patients or staff at the time of voting may vote at this Special Voting opportunity.

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of the Town of Creston on **Saturday, March 16, 2024**, between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** at the **Upper Rotacrest Hall**, 230 – 19th Avenue North, Creston, BC.

CURBSIDE VOTING: Where a request is made to the Chief Election Officer and/or Deputy Election Officer for a mobile voting station to be brought outside the place of voting, so that a person who cannot physically enter the place of voting, can vote from within their vehicle. Curbside voting will be available on **Advance Voting Days** and on **General Voting Day** from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place.

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

To register, you must meet the following qualifications:

- (a) 18 years of age or older;
- (b) Canadian citizen;
- (c) resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately preceding voting day;
- (d) resident of the Town of Creston; and,
- (e) not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

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 applicable, written consent from the other property owners.

To register, you must meet the following qualifications:

- (a) not entitled to register as a Resident Elector;
- (b) 18 years of age or older;
- (c) Canadian citizen;
- (d) resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration;
- (e) registered owner of real property in the Town of Creston for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration;
- (f) the only persons who are registered owners of the real 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;
- (g) not disqualified under this or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and,
- (h) **if there is more than one individual who is the registered owner of real property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a Non-Resident Property Elector. Consent forms are available at the voting place, or may be obtained in advance by calling the Chief Election Officer at 250-428-2214, ext. 210.**

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

In accordance with section 110(1) of the *Local Government Act*, all qualified electors are permitted to vote by mail. Mail Ballot packages may be requested by completing a Mail Ballot Application form and returning it to Town Hall. Mail Ballots Applications can be requested by email (elections@creston.ca), or by visiting or calling Town Hall at 238 – 10th Avenue North, Creston, B.C., 250-428-2214.

The deadline to request a Mail Ballot is **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024**. Please note that any Mail Ballot packages requested after March 7, 2024 will need to be picked up at Town Hall.

The Town of Creston will send Mail Ballot voting packages to qualified electors starting on or around **February 26, 2024**.

Mail Ballots may be delivered by:

- pick up at Town Hall, OR
- regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address, OR
- regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address that is provided when the Mail Ballot package is requested.

To be counted, the Mail Ballot must be **received** by the Chief Election Officer at **Town Hall** (238 – 10th Avenue North) **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024**, or at the **Upper Rotacrest Hall** (230 – 19th Avenue North) **no later than 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2024**.

It is the obligation of the person applying to vote by Mail Ballot to ensure that the Mail Ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Election Officer within this time limit.

Please note: A person cannot vote more than once in the same election. If you choose to vote by Mail Ballot you will not have the opportunity to vote in person.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained by contacting:

Kirsten Dunbar, Chief Election Officer, 250-428-2214, ext. 210
 Donna Cassel, Deputy Election Officer, 250-428-2214, ext. 410
 Marsha Neufeld, Deputy Election Officer, 250-428-2214, ext. 120