



August 1, 2026

Thank you for your interest in running for local government office.

On Saturday, October 17, 2026, eligible electors in the Town of Creston will vote to elect one Mayor and six Councillors to serve and represent the community.

This candidate information package includes the required nomination forms, general candidate information, and information specific to the Town of Creston's 2026 Municipal Election.

We encourage you to review the enclosed materials carefully. Additional election information, resources, important dates, and candidate materials are available on the Town of Creston's 2026 Municipal Election website at election.creston.ca.

Thank you for your commitment to public service and your interest in contributing to the future of our community. We wish you the very best throughout the election process.

NOMINATION PERIOD

9:00 am **September 1, 2026** to 4:00 pm **September 11, 2026**

DELIVERY OF NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

The Nomination Documents (as listed below) must be completed and returned to the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Election Officers between 9:00 am on September 1, 2026 and 4:00 pm on September 11, 2026. They can be delivered:

By hand, mail or other delivery service at:

Town of Creston
PO Box 1339
238 – 10th Avenue North
Creston, BC, V0B 1G0

Deliver to Town Hall during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding weekends and Statutory Holidays.

By fax or email to:

250-428-9164
elections@creston.ca

Faxed or emailed nominations must be received during the nomination period.

NOMINATION DOCUMENTS	
C1	Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form
C2	Nomination Documents
C3	Other Information Provided by Candidate
C4	Appointment of Candidate Financial Agent (if Candidate is not acting as own financial agent)
C5	Appointment of Candidate Official Agent (if applicable)
C6	Appointment of Candidate Scrutineer (if applicable)
	Statement of Financial Disclosure: Financial Disclosure Act (required under the <i>Financial Disclosure Act</i>)
	Candidate Information Release Authorization

Nomination documents will be available for supervised public inspection at Town Hall during regular business hours. Monday – Friday, excluding statutory holidays, from when documents are received until 30 days after the official election results are declared.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION

- Prospective candidates may reconsider and withdraw their candidacy during the nomination period and for seven (7) days following the close of nomination period.
- Deadline for withdrawal of candidates is 4:00 pm, **Friday, September 18, 2026.**

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Canadian citizen;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and,
- not disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to or holding office, or otherwise disqualified by law.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDATES

The declaration of candidates for the 2026 Election takes place on Friday, September 11, 2026, at 4:00 pm at Town Hall, 238 – 10th Avenue North.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

- You may appoint a Financial Agent. This person can be the same person who is your Official Agent. If you do not wish to appoint a Financial Agent, it is assumed you will act as your own Financial Agent.
- The appointment of a Financial Agent must be in writing on the form provided, signed by yourself and returned to the Chief Election Officer.
- Should you wish to revoke the appointment, this must also be done in writing.

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 General Local Election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Mayor	\$12,323.78
Councillor	\$6,161.89
School Trustee.....	\$6,161.89

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 General Local Election, the following third party advertising limits apply:

Mayor, Councillor and School Trustee.... \$924.28

For further information on campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits, please contact:

Elections BC

Toll-free phone: 1-800-661-8683

Email: electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca

Website: elections.bc.ca

ENDORSEMENT BY ELECTOR ORGANIZATION

An incorporated or unincorporated organization may endorse a candidate in an election and have that endorsement included on the ballot if, before the end of the nomination period, they file the required endorsement documents with, and provide the other required information to, the Chief Election Officer. Please see the Chief Election Officer for further information, if required.

CANDIDATE REPRESENTATIVES (SCRUTINEERS)

- You may appoint one individual to represent you as your Official Agent, and any number of Scrutineers; however, only one (1) scrutineer, together with your Official Agent, are permitted to be present at the Advance Voting and Special Voting Opportunities. As authorized under Section 120(3) of the *Local Government Act*, for voting other than a General Local Election, the number of scrutineers permitted at the General Voting Place is one.
- Candidate representatives assigned to observe the count must be in the voting place before it closes at 8:00 pm Those in the voting place after 8:00 pm cannot leave until the count is complete.
- The appointment of each individual must be in writing on the forms provided, signed and delivered to the Chief Election Officer.
- Should you wish to revoke an appointment, this must also be done in writing.
- Any representative present during the voting or counting, must carry with them a copy of their appointment and the required Oath which has been sworn before the Chief Election Officer.
- Please note that the duty of an Agent or Scrutineer at the voting place is solely to observe the proceedings and there will be a designated location for these officials to be seated. An Agent or Scrutineer is not to conduct any campaigning or wear any campaign buttons, etc. while in the voting place; and further, is not to detain voters for the purpose of conversation. If the Agent or Scrutineer has a question or disagrees with some aspect of the conduct of the vote or the count, they must approach the Chief Election Officer at the voting place.

OTHER ELECTION PROCEDURES TO BE AWARE OF

- A person must not do any of the following at or within 100 metres of a building, structure or other place where voting proceedings are being conducted at the time [LGA Section 163(4)]:
 - (a) canvass or solicit votes or otherwise attempt to influence how an elector votes;
 - (b) display, distribute, post, or openly leave a representation of a ballot marked for a particular result in the voting;
 - (c) post, display or distribute
 - i. election advertising, or
 - ii. any material that identifies a candidate or elector organization, unless this is done with the authorization of the Chief Election Officer;
 - (d) carry, wear or supply a flag, badge or other thing indicating that the person using it is a supporter of a particular candidate, elector organization or result in the voting.
- If registering on General Voting Day, two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature), are required from electors to 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 person's place of residence [Section 72]. **Picture identification is not necessary.**
- A person may apply as a Non-Resident Property Elector prior to General Voting Day at any time during the local government's regular office hours and on General Voting Day, during voting hours at a place designated by the Chief Election Officer. Non-resident property elector applicants are also required to produce identification [Section 73].

- The Chief Election Officer has the power to order a person to leave the voting place and/or immediate vicinity, if they are interfering with the conduct of the proceedings [Section 61].

For general inquiries (except campaign financing), please contact:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Telephone: 1-250-387-4020 or 1-800-663-7867

Email: LGovernance@gov.bc.ca

Website: www.gov.bc.ca/localelections

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Advance Voting:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Upper Rotacrest Hall, located at 230 – 19th Avenue North, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Upper Rotacrest Hall, located at 230 – 19th Avenue North, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Special Voting:

Monday, October 5, 2026

at the following facilities and times listed below:

a) Crestview Village, 818 Vancouver Street, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

b) Swan Valley Lodge, 800 Cavell Street, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Only patients, residents and/or working staff at the facilities listed, on the day of Special Voting, shall be entitled to vote.

General Voting Day:

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Upper Rotacrest Hall, located at 230 – 19th Avenue North, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Mail Ballot Voting:

Mail Ballot Voting is available to all electors in the Town of Creston.

REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE

To request a Mail Ballot please contact Town Hall by phone at (250) 428-2214 or email at elections@creston.ca and complete the Mail Ballot application form.

The deadline to request a Mail Ballot is **4:00 pm Thursday, October 15, 2026.**

The Town of Creston will send out Mail Ballot packages commencing on or about September 28, 2026.

To be counted, your Mail Ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer at **Town Hall** located at 238 – 10th Avenue North, **no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, October 16, 2026, OR** at the Upper Rotacrest Hall, located at 230 – 19th Avenue North, **no later than 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2026.**

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 within this time limit.

CONTACT TOWN ELECTION STAFF

If you have any questions concerning any aspect of the election, please do not hesitate to contact:

- Kirsten Dunbar, Chief Election Officer (250) 428-2214 (210)
- Donna Cassel, Deputy Election Officer (250) 428-2214 (410)

or by email at elections@creston.ca.