



2026 Local Government Election

Your Vote. Your Creston.

Think local elections don't really affect you? Think again!

Who gets elected this October will help make decisions about the things you see, use and care about every day in Creston — from roads, parks and trails to community spaces, development, public services, property taxes, and more.

On **October 17, 2026**, Creston voters will choose **one Mayor, six Councillors and one School Trustee** to represent our community for the next four years.

And here's something worth knowing: Only 36% of eligible Creston voters cast a ballot in the 2022 General Local Election!

That means there are a lot of voices in our community that could be part of the conversation, but weren't.

Not sure who to vote for?

Take some time to get to know the candidates before you head to the polls.

Check out their websites and social media, look for candidate flyers and profiles, attend candidate forums, listen to what they have to say and ask questions.

Then think about what matters to you.

Maybe it's housing. Maybe it's recreation, roads, taxes, the environment, downtown, parks or opportunities for young people. Whatever your priorities are, local government decisions can have a pretty big impact on everyday life.

Where can you find candidate information?

The Town of Creston only provides official, non-partisan information about the election — things like when and where to vote, voter eligibility and voting requirements. The Town **does not endorse or promote individual candidates**, so we don't use our communication channels to profile candidates or share their campaign messages.

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SHOW UP MAKE YOUR MARK OCTOBER 17

Advance Voting Opportunities

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Upper Rotacrest Hall, 230 – 19th Ave. N., Creston

Time: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

General Voting Day

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Upper Rotacrest Hall, 230 – 19th Ave. N., Creston

Time: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot

Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 4:00pm

Mail Ballot Voting Deadline

Saturday, October 17, 2026,
at 8:00pm

But there are lots of other places to learn about the people running.

Check local media

Keep an eye on the Creston Valley Advance and mycrestonnow.com for candidate profiles, interviews, election coverage, and other information.

Watch for candidate forums

Candidate forums are a great opportunity to hear candidates answer questions about local issues and talk about their priorities. Watch for forums hosted by community organizations and other local groups.

Visit CivicInfo BC

CivicInfo BC provides election information for communities across B.C. Its Creston candidate page includes links to candidates' websites and/or social media pages, where available.

Visit: civicinfo.bc.ca

Ready to vote?

General Voting Day is Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Advance voting will be available on Wednesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 14, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Upper Rotacrest Hall.

You can vote if you:

- Are 18 or older
- Are a Canadian citizen
- Have lived in B.C. for at least six months
- Have lived in the Town of Creston or applicable School Trustee Electoral Area for at least 30 days, or meet the requirements as a non-resident property owner
- Are not disqualified from voting under the law

What do you need to vote?

You'll need two pieces of identification, with at least one showing your signature. You don't need photo ID. Your identification must establish your identity and residency.

So... are you voting?

Whether you've lived here your whole life, moved to Creston last year or are voting for the very first time, your voice is part of this community.

The future of Creston isn't just something that happens

around you. You get a say in it!

Take some time. Get informed. Ask questions. Find out what matters to the people running — and what matters to you.

Then make your mark on October 17.

For official election information, visit: creston.ca/2026-election.

Candidates for the office of Mayor (1 to be elected):

DUMAS, Denise
FARSTAD, Neil

Candidates for the offices of Councillor (6 to be elected):

ARÈS, Monique
BALDWIN, Keith
EISLER, Norm
GERMANN, Judy
HAWTON, Carolyn
HEYKAMP, Sandra
HOLLAND, Megan
KRAUSZ, Rob
LONGPRE, George
POLZIN, Danette
SCHMIDT, Ferd
WALL, Tanya

Candidates for the office of School Trustee, Town of Creston (1 to be elected):

GATTO-BEEBE, Patton
MADSEN, Sarah
VERHOEVEN, Clements

Fall Curbside Yard & Garden Pick-up



The Town of Creston will be conducting the Fall Curbside Yard & Garden Waste Pick-Up in October (weather permitting). The collection days will be **October 13th - 16th, 2025**. Yard waste is collected by the Town Crew and is scheduled for your regular collection day. Due to the overwhelming amounts set out, it is possible that the crew will not collect it all in one day. Leave it out and they will continue where they left off the previous day. If it has not been collected 2 days after your scheduled day, please call and let us know.

How to prepare:

- Branches and prunings (no larger than 6" in diameter) are to be wrapped in bundles of 3 feet (1 meter) - a manageable size for 1 person to pick up.
- Leaves, twigs, grass cuttings, and organic garden waste must be placed in rigid, weather proof containers (e.g., garbage cans, cardboard boxes), something that can be quickly dumped and returned to the curbside.
- Paper garden bags are permitted.
- NO plastic garbage bags with yard waste will be accepted.
- We ask that you please keep all organic yard waste separate from household recycling items when placing curbside for pick up.
- Yard and garden waste may not be picked up if materials are not prepared as requested.

Please note:

The second curbside collection week will be November—watch our website and social media for the collection week.

A reminder that yard waste is for organics only and not anything found in the yard. For example: broken lawnmowers, paving stones and garden gnomes are not accepted.

The RDCK landfill also takes yard waste for free in the months of April and October. Shrubs and tree branches must be less than 6" in diameter. Large loads (larger than 2.5m³ / one truck box) are at the discretion of the site attendant and may be turned away if the site is too full for the day or it looks like it is a commercial load. Plastic bags with yard waste are NOT accepted at the landfill.

Do You Have Children in Diapers or other Medical Waste in Your Home?



Got a little more garbage than the curbside program allows? We've got you covered!

Our curbside garbage program accepts:

- 1 container of garbage in bags (max. 120L), weighing no more than 50 lbs; OR
- 2 regular-sized black garbage bags (65 cm x 83 cm), weighing no more than 11.5 kg (25 lbs) each.

But we realize that if you have children in diapers, sometimes two bags just isn't going to cut it. If you have diapers or other medical waste in your home, you may be eligible for additional FREE garbage tags for the year!

Visit Town Hall for more information.

Free Cooking Oil Recycling at the Creston Landfill

What do you do with your used cooking oil?

One thing's for sure: it shouldn't go down the drain. Used cooking oil can disrupt septic systems and cause costly blockages in sewer lines. Tossing it in the garbage isn't ideal either, as it can contribute to environmental pollution.

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From the Desk of Bylaw Services

Town of Creston Bylaw Services wishes to remind residents of an important traffic regulation designed to ensure safety and smooth flow on our streets. Under Traffic Regulations Bylaw 1546, Section 19(a) states:

"No trailer of any kind, where it constitutes a traffic hazard, shall be parked on any highway of the Town, unless it is attached to a vehicle capable of towing it."

This bylaw is in place to prevent potential hazards caused by unattached trailers on public roads. Trailers left without a towing vehicle can obstruct traffic and create unsafe conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. We encourage residents to comply with this bylaw to help maintain safety and accessibility on our streets.

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The good news? Residents and small businesses in the Creston area can recycle their used cooking oil for free at the Creston Landfill (1501 Mallory Road), with quantities of up to 10 litres per day accepted.

RDCK is piloting the program, in partnership with Leduc Industrial Inc., giving used cooking oil a second life by upcycling it into a high-quality concrete release agent.

Learn more about the program at rdck.ca.

Have you Seen Creston's New Playground?



The Creston Education Centre has a brand-new place to climb, swing, slide and PLAY!

After years of laughter and adventures, the old playground had reached the end of its service life and was no longer safe for continued use. So, it was time for a fresh start!

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia and Columbia Basin Trust. We'd also like to thank Valley Community Services as none of this would be possible without their support!

