



## ELECTION VOTING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who May Vote?

You are eligible to vote in a local election as a **resident elector** if you:

- are 18 years of age or older on general voting day;
- are a Canadian citizen;
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months before voting day;
- have lived in the District of Vanderhoof for at least 30 days before voting day; and,
- are not disqualified by the Local Government Act (go to [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96323\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96323_00)), any other Act, or the Courts from voting in a general local election.

You are eligible to vote as a **non-resident property elector** if you:

- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months before voting day;
- have owned property in the District of Vanderhoof for at least 30 days before voting day.

If you own two pieces of property in the jurisdiction in which you intend to vote, you may vote only once. If, however, you own one piece of property in one jurisdiction and a second piece of property in another, you may vote in both jurisdictions.

If you own a single piece of property with another person(s), the majority of owners must designate (in writing) one owner as the non-resident property elector for that property.

### How do I register to vote?

The District of Vanderhoof only uses same day registration. This means you must register to vote at the time you vote.

You must have two pieces of identification that prove who you are and where you live. One piece of identification must have your signature on it. If your identification does not show your residential address, you can make what is called a "solemn declaration" as to your place of residence that will be provided by the voting clerk at the voting place will have the form you need to use to make that declaration.

If you are registering as a non-resident property elector, you must also provide the address or legal description and

the title (or other proof of ownership) of the property you own. If you are one of two or more owners, you must also demonstrate - in writing - that you have the consent of the majority of all owners to vote on behalf of them in the election.

Please make sure you have your identification with you when you come to vote. Even if the people working the election know you, they must see the appropriate identification in order to register you to vote.

### What if I cannot vote on election day?

For those who will not be able to vote on Election Day (November 19) every local government is required to have at least one advance voting opportunity. That date is November 9 in the 2011 election.

### Can I have someone assist me with voting?

Yes. If you need assistance, an election official may assist you to vote. If you are caring for someone (e.g. a child or elderly relative) at the time you cast your ballot, the presiding election official may allow you to have that person in the booth with you.

Anyone providing assistance to another elector is required to sign a solemn declaration before providing any assistance. Speak to the presiding election official at the voting place for further information.

### What if I cannot physically come into the voting place?

You can vote using what is called "curb side voting". In this instance an election official will come to the curb and provide you with everything you need to vote without getting out of the vehicle. You will need someone to assist the election official. Just have that person come into the polling station and ask for "curb side voting".

### Where will the election results be posted?

The results will be posted immediately after the election on <http://www.elections.civicinfo.bc.ca/2011/reports>, simply select Vanderhoof from the drop down menu.

Results will also be posted at the District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office on Monday November 21, and in the Omineca Express as soon as possible after the election.

# UPDATED AFTER

## The Election Issue!



A beautiful view of Sinkut Mountain through a field of haybales during the harvest in Vanderhoof. Photo by Lori Borth.

## 9-1-1 GOES LIVE ON OCTOBER 25, 2011

Starting October 25, 2011 the only number you need to call in an emergency is 9-1-1. The Fire Emergency Number will no longer work. 9-1-1 is a 24 hour 365 day a year service, and there is language interpretation in 170 languages.

In the unfortunate case that you need to call 9-1-1, here are a few helpful tips:

1. When you call 9-1-1 they will ask if you need "police" "fire" or "ambulance" – know which one you are needing. Your call will be redirected.
2. Stay on the line and follow the instructions given.
3. Know your location. They will confirm or ask for your location, especially if you are using a cell phone.
4. Remain calm, the call-taker is trained to ask specific questions, the information you provide is vital.
5. Don't hang up, even if you dial accidentally. They will not know if you are okay, and will send emergency personnel anyway.

Make sure your street address is clearly visible from the street. Having your address both on your house and at the end of the driveway will help responders know they are in the right location.

Teach your children to use 9-1-1 properly. Never give old cell phones to children to play with, even if they no longer have a plan 9-1-1 will work anyway.

The 9-1-1 service is provided by the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako. If you have questions please contact them at 1-800-320-3339.

## UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers  
5:00 pm Wednesday

Due to the election, the next meeting will be on

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 7**

### • MUNICIPAL ELECTION •

Saturday November 19, 2011  
8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Friendship Centre  
219 Victoria Street East

### • ADVANCE POLL •

Wednesday November 9, 2011  
8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office  
160 Connaught Street

### • ALL CANDIDATES FORUM •

Tuesday November 15, 2011  
6:30 pm Doors Open  
7:00 pm Forum begins  
Nechako Valley Secondary School  
Small Auditorium  
Hosted by the Vanderhoof  
Chamber of Commerce. Contact the  
Chamber for more information at  
250-567-2124

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## 2011 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATES



### MAYOR GERRY THIESSEN

Mayor Gerry Thiessen has been elected by acclamation as Mayor of Vanderhoof for a second term. He will serve as Mayor from 2011 - 2014. Gerry hopes to continue the work and growing relationships he has achieved during his first term as Mayor. Mayor Thiessen looks forward to working with the new Council following the Election. The new Council will have their inaugural meeting on December 5th, 2011. Gerry is proud that his family has been a part of the Vanderhoof community for over 70 years. He and his wife Leslie raised their family here and continue to call Vanderhoof their home.

**There are six Councillors to be elected. For the 2011 election, there are eight Candidates running for the six seats. The Candidates are Darren Carpenter, Jack French, Brian Frenkel, Louise Levy, Steve Little, Kevin Moutray, Peet Vahi, and Ken Young.**

### ALL CANDIDATES FORUM

#### *What is an All Candidates Forum?*

The All Candidates Forum is an opportunity for you to get to know the Candidates.

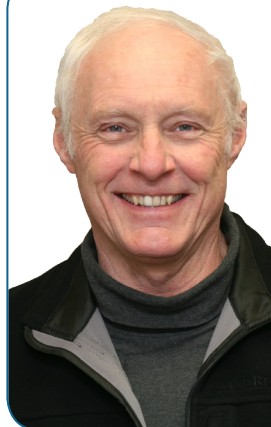
The Candidates participating in the forum are asked questions that are provided in writing by the attending audience members. Each Candidate answers the question in turn, unless the question is directed specifically at one Candidate. The Candidates are able to express their opinions and views on topics brought up by the audience questions.

We encourage you to attend the All Candidates Forum on November 15, 2011 at the NVSS Small Auditorium. Doors open at 6:00pm and the forum begins at 7:00pm sharp.



### DARREN CARPENTER

Darren has been on Council for the past three years. He has worked for SD#91 for ten years spending the last six as Career and Trades Program Coordinator. Darren is proud to be a third generation resident of Vanderhoof. Darren moved out of Vanderhoof to attend University, he and his wife Stephanie always planned on coming back to Vanderhoof to raise their family. They have two children.



### JACK FRENCH

Councillor Jack French has been on Council for over 20 years. In this time he has continued to teach mathematics at Nechako Valley Secondary School and has raised 3 sons with his wife Jill. He was born in Vanderhoof and can trace his family roots in this community to 1914, when one set of grandparents moved here. Jack is an avid aviator, he owns a small airplane and is part of the Civilian Air Search and Research organization.



### BRIAN FRENKEL

Brian sat on Council for 10 years previous to running for Mayor last election. Brian moved to Vanderhoof from Prince George in 1983 to work for Avison Management, where he is now a Director. Brian has been on a number of volunteer boards since arriving in the community. He and his wife Nadine stayed here because they felt that Vanderhoof is a great place to raise a family. They have two grown children.



### LOUISE LEVY

Louise has been on Council for the past three years. She has been in Vanderhoof since 1988, when she and her husband moved here for work. Now widowed, Louise's two grown sons stayed in the community and work as tradesman. Louise works for BC Timber Sales, and has been an active member of a number of community based groups including past Trustee and Chair of the Vanderhoof Public Library.



### STEVE LITTLE

Steve has been on Council for the past three years. Steve's family has been in the community for nearly 100 years, and he and his wife Jennifer moved back to Vanderhoof in 1985 to work and raise their four children. Steve has been involved with a number of sports organizations in Vanderhoof, for both youth and adult leagues. He currently works for Westline Ford, yet previously worked as a Forestry Consultant.



### KEVIN MOUTRAY

A local business owner, Kevin just finished a two-year term as President of the Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce. Kevin moved here as a child in 1983. He left for a couple years to study music in Vancouver. That experience made him realize that he wanted to live in a smaller community. He returned to Vanderhoof and has been here ever since. Kevin and his wife Mia have two children.



### PEET VAHI

Peet has lived in Vanderhoof for 30 years this October. He came here because of work and stayed to raise his two children with his wife Glenda. A self-employed consultant for the mining and forestry industries, Peet has also been a Director and member of various volunteer organizations in the community over the years. He describes himself as "the guy that comes out to build the playground."



### KEN YOUNG

Ken sat on Council for 9 years prior to this last term. Ken has worked within SD #91 for the past 16 years where he taught for ten years and then moved into administration. Ken was born and raised in Vanderhoof, and he and his wife Monica are raising their seven children here as well. Ken is currently Chair of the Integris Community Foundation, and has sat as a member and board member of other community based groups in northern BC.