



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, 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 the above qualifications and:

- 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 only. 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 and one must show your address. This can be the same document such as your drivers license. 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 (February 16) every local government is required to have at least one advance voting opportunity. That date is February 6 in the 2013 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?

Results will also be posted at the District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office on Monday February 18, and in the Omineca Express as soon as possible after the election.

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A beautiful view of the Nechako Valley.

The By-Election Issue!

WHAT IS HAPPENING ON FEBRUARY 16?

On Saturday, February 16, there will be a BY-ELECTION and REFERENDUM. Those who are eligible to vote can cast their ballots at the Friendship Centre between the hours of 8am and 8pm. There are three candidates running for the open Councillor position: Marje Makow, John Murphy, and Peet Vahi. The successful candidate will hold the Councillor position for the remainder of this municipal term, which ends in November 2014.

As well on the 16th, residents of the District of Vanderhoof and residents of the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Area “F” will be asked to vote on the Referendum question. The referendum is seeking the public's approval to allow the District of Vanderhoof Council to borrow \$4 million to be used towards the construction of an Aquatic Centre. The Regional District Area “F” voters will be asked to approve the establishment of a Vanderhoof Swimming Pool Contribution Service which will contribute to the annual cost of the Aquatic Centre in Vanderhoof.

If you are First Nation and you live on a reserve within the Regional District Area “F” and you are otherwise eligible to vote, you can vote in the Regional District referendum.

We encourage you to learn more about the candidates and the Pool Referendum. The democratic process works best when as many people as possible exercise their right to vote.

If you can not make the February 16 voting date, there is an **advance poll on February 6th at the District of Vanderhoof office** (160 Connaught Street) from 8am-8pm. If you are someone who has difficulty with mobility, there is “curb side” voting available. Please contact the District of Vanderhoof office for more information on curb side voting (250-567-4711).

ABOUT THE REFERENDUM

Depending on where you live, either in Vanderhoof, the Regional District Area "F" or on reserve, you will have the opportunity to vote on the following referendum questions.

Vanderhoof Municipality Referendum Question:

Are you in favour of the Council of the District of Vanderhoof adopting Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1121 which would authorize the District to borrow an amount up to \$4 million to be repaid with an annual requisition up to a maximum of \$0.2234 per \$1,000 of taxable residential assessed value to re-pay the loan over a 30 year period to be used for the construction of an up to \$12 million Aquatic Centre?

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Area "F" Referendum Question:

Are you in favour of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) Vanderhoof Swimming Pool Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1644, 2012, which establishes a service within the boundaries of Electoral Area "F" to contribute to the cost of a swimming pool in Vanderhoof, and authorizes taxation on improvements only, to a maximum annual amount determined by applying a rate of \$0.74 per \$1,000 to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area, or \$256,000, whichever is greater?

To better understand the tax implications and other potential changes to the community as a result of the referendum being passed, please go to www.vanderhoofpool.ca, or stop in at the District of Vanderhoof office to pick up the brochure about the aquatic centre.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR VOTING DAY REGISTRATION

You must provide **two** pieces of identity that show evidence of your identity and place of residence, at least one of which must contain your signature. Examples of acceptable identity are:

- Driver's Licence • BCID Card • Care Card • Social Insurance Card
- Citizenship Card • Real Property Tax notice • Credit or Debit Card • Utility Bill
- Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle License



Another great sight seen in the Nechako Valley - this cow and calf moose forage and live in fields and forests that surround the community. Moose and deer are still active during the winter. Please be caution when driving on the highway and country roads, especially at night.

UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers
5:30 pm Mondays

TUESDAY FEB 12
MONDAY FEB 25

• MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION & REFERENDUM •

Saturday, February 16, 2013
8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friendship Centre
219 Victoria Street East

• ADVANCE POLL •

Wednesday, February 6, 2013
8:00 am - 8:00 pm
District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office
160 Connaught Street

• ALL CANDIDATES FORUM •

Thursday, February 7, 2013
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

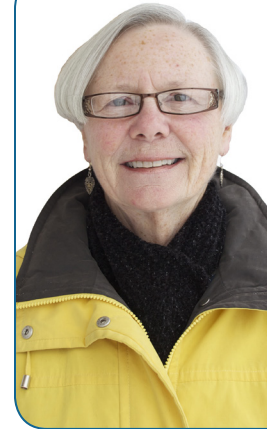
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2013 MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION CANDIDATES



MARJE MAKOW

Marje and her family are originally from Saskatoon, SK. They moved to Fort Nelson in 1973 and relocated to Vanderhoof in 1980. She is married to Don, has one son, Ryan (Holly) and a grandson, Linden. Marje holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Saskatchewan and professional teaching certificates in both SK and BC. While employed at the District of Vanderhoof, she received an Intermediate Certificate in Municipal Administration through Camosun College School of Business. After arriving in Vanderhoof, she taught at WL McLeod School until 1985 and the following year, taught elementary school classes for the Ingenika Tribal Council until she retired from teaching in 1986. In 1987, Marje began her career in local government, working at the Municipal Office for 23 years. She was appointed Acting Clerk in 1996 and Corporate Officer for the municipality in 1999, which position she held until retiring in 2010. Marje has belonged to several community groups including Vanderhoof Minor Hockey Association, Nechako Valley Figure Skating Club, NVSS musical production ensembles, community choirs and Nechako Valley Festival for the Performing Arts. She volunteers with Vanderhoof Seniors Connected and is an executive member of the Vanderhoof and Districts Co-op Board of Directors.



JOHN MURPHY

John moved to Vanderhoof from his native Ireland in 1959 and has called Vanderhoof home ever since. He is a person that truly believes in his community and has the involvement to prove. In the past John has been an active member of the Vanderhoof Fire and the Vanderhoof Volunteer Extrication Association. He has served as President of the Vanderhoof Golf Club and Vanderhoof Bowling Association. He has refereed all levels of hockey from Minor Hockey to Senior Hockey having officiated at the Provincial level. In 2011, John was awarded the British Columbia Community Achievement Award. This is an award presented by the Province of BC to people who make a difference in their community. At present time John is the President of the Vanderhoof Curling Club and Chairman of the Board for the Nechako View Senior Citizens Home Society. He is also a director of the Integris Credit Union Community Foundation. John along with his wife Kathy have 3 children and 7 grandchildren, all of whom live here in Vanderhoof. John is an Insurance Broker by profession and is the Branch Manager for HUB International Barton Insurance office here in Vanderhoof.



PEET VAHI

Peet has lived in Vanderhoof for 32 years. 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.

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 February 7, 2013 at the NVSS Small Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30pm and the forum begins at 7:00pm sharp.