

Province of British Columbia

Vote on Incorporation of Salt Spring Island

WHEREAS Pursuant to section 4(2) of the *Local Government Act*, the Minister may direct a vote be taken of persons in an area specified by the Minister respecting the proposed incorporation of those persons into a new municipality:

AND WHEREAS the Minister has received a request from 2 or more residents of Salt Spring Island requesting a vote with respect to incorporation of Salt Spring Island as a municipality:

AND WHEREAS section 3(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act* states that if more than 50% of the votes counted as valid in favour of the proposed incorporation, the Minister may recommend incorporation of a new municipality to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

NOW THEREFORE PURSUANT TO MINISTERIAL ORDER No. M098 DATED MARCH 7, 2017, OF THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY, SPORT & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR

TRANSLINK Public Notice is hereby given for which the electors of Salt Spring Island (including all islands within Ganges Harbour and Russell, Idol and Channel Islands and excluding Fulford Harbour Indian Reserve No. 5) as shown on a map entitled "Proposed Salt Spring Island Municipality" Map Reference Number SAL-05-05 and dated December 1, 2016, will be asked to vote on the following question on Saturday, September 9th, 2017:

"Are you in favour of the incorporation of a Salt Spring Island Municipality?"

YES _____ or NO _____

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open on Saturday the Ninth (9th) day of September 2017 TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SALT SPRING ISLAND at:

1. Fulford Elementary School Gymnasium, 203 South Ridge Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.
2. Gulf Islands Secondary School Multipurpose Room, 232 Rainbow Road, Ganges, B.C.
3. Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.
4. A.R. MacNeill Secondary School, 6611 No. 4 Road, Richmond, B.C.
5. Mary Winspear Cultural Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, B.C.

AND SUCH VOTING PLACES SHALL BE OPEN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF **Eight (8:00) A.M. and Eight (8:00) P.M.**

ADVANCE VOTING shall be open on Wednesday the Thirtieth (30th) of August 2017 and Wednesday the Sixth (6th) of September 2017 TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SALT SPRING ISLAND between the hours of Eight (8:00) A.M. and Eight (8:00) P.M. at:

1. Salt Spring Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, B.C.
2. Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

MAIL BALLOT VOTING is available to qualified Resident Electors or Non-Resident Property Electors who:

- Have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, and/or
- Expect to be absent from the regional district on General Voting Day (Saturday, September 9, 2017) and at the times of all Advance Voting opportunities (Wednesday, August 30, and Wednesday, September 6, 2017).

To Register To Vote By Mail, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a completed mail ballot application form in advance of General Voting Day, September 9, 2017. Application forms are available on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/ssi-vote. Completed application forms may be submitted via email, mail, in person or via fax at the following contact information listed below:

Mail: Capital Regional District, Legislative & Corporate Services, 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6
 Phone: 250.360.3127
 Toll-free: 1.800.663.4425 local 3127
 Fax: 250.360.3130
 Email: legserv@crd.bc.ca

If you are not on the Provincial Resident Elector List or the CRD Non-Resident Property List of Electors, you may register at the time of filling in your mail ballot.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package. If we receive your application at a date that does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative & Corporate Services at the address listed above.

To be counted for the assent voting, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer, or delegate, no later than 8:00 p.m. on September 9, 2017, at the CRD address listed above.

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.

For questions regarding voting and voter registration, call the Capital Regional District at 250.360.3127 or toll-free at 1.800.663.4425 local 3127, or Thomas Moore at 250.472.0059.

Given under my hand at Ganges, B.C., this Tenth (10th) day of August 2017.

Thomas F. Moore,
Chief Election Officer

A person must not vote at the submission of the question unless entitled to do so.

RESIDENT ELECTOR

To be registered as a resident elector you must meet all of the following requirements on the day of the submission of the question.

(a) You must be, or will be, age 18 or older on General Voting Day.

(b) You must be a Canadian Citizen.

(c) You must have been a resident in British Columbia at least six months before General Voting Day.

(d) You must have been a resident of Salt Spring Island for at least thirty days immediately before General Voting Day.

(e) You must not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise be disqualified by law.

If you are not on the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors you may register on General Voting Day or Advance Voting Days providing you meet the eligibility requirements. You must produce two pieces of identification, one of which has your signature, preferably with pictorial identification, e.g. drivers licence and a credit card.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR

To be registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector of Salt Spring Island, you must meet the following requirements on the day of registration:

(a) You must not be a resident elector.

(b) You must be, or will be, age 18 or older on the day of voting.

(c) You must be a Canadian citizen.

(d) You must have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before General Voting Day.

(e) You must have been a registered

owner of real property on Salt Spring Island for at least thirty days before General Voting Day (only persons who are registered owners of real property, either as sole owners, joint tenants or tenants in common are entitled to vote, those individuals who are holding property in trust for a corporation or other trust are not entitled to vote).

(f) You must not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

Only one person may register once as a non-resident property elector in relation to one parcel of real property on Salt Spring Island. If the property is in multiple ownership, you must provide written consent from the majority of registered owners that you have been designated to vote accompanied with adequate documentation, such as a Land Title search, proving ownership of the property claimed as a basis for a vote. A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from www.crd.bc.ca/ssi-vote.

If you are a qualified Non-Resident Property Elector, you may vote if you have registered in advance on or before August 10, 2017, or if you apply at the time of voting.

At the time of application you must provide the information noted above and two pieces of identification proving identity and residency (one must have a signature). If you are already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector on the CRD Non-Resident Property List of Electors and provided that you still meet all of the requirements of the *Local Government Act* in order to be registered under this category, you are not required to re-register in order to vote.

The following are acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity for both Resident Electors and Non-Resident Property Electors:

- BC driver's licence or BC driver's licence and service card
- BC ID card issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch
- BC CareCard or Gold CareCard
- Request for Continued Assistance form SDES8
- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
- Citizenship Card (Canada)
- Real property tax notice (municipal or rural)
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill

For more information, visit www.crd.bc.ca/ssi-vote.