Q & A

Voting Guide for First Nations in the 2026 General Local Election

SD70 PACIFIC RIM

ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

Q I live in a First Nations community in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, who can I vote for in the upcoming General Local Election in October 2026?

A It depends on where you live and how many candidates are running for School District Trustee and Electoral Area Director.

Q Are you a member of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations or Uchucklesaht Tribe living on Treaty Settlement Lands?

A You can vote for six School District Trustees in the Alberni Valley and Bamfield Trustee area.

Q Are you a member of the Hupačasath First Nation living on reserve?

A If you reside in the Ahahswinis Reserve you can vote for the Beaver Creek Director and six School District Trustees. If you reside in the Klehkoot Reserve you can vote for the Sproat Lake Director and six School District Trustees.

Q Are you a member of the Tseshaht First Nation living on reserve?

A If you reside in the Tsahaheh Reserve, you can vote for the Sproat Lake Director and six School District Trustees. If you reside in the Alberni 2 Reserve, you can vote for the Cherry Creek Director and six School District Trustees.

Q Are you a member of the Ditidaht First Nation living on reserve?

A If you reside on a Ditidaht Reserve in the ACRD, you can vote for the Bamfield Director and six School District Trustees. If you reside outside of the ACRD, please refer to the Cowichan Valley Regional District's website for voting opportunities: www.cvrd.ca/988/Elections-Referenda

Candidates are acclaimed in the Long Beach Electoral Area and School District 70 Pacific Rim – West Coast Trustee Area – no election will take place in these areas.

Please note: As there will not be an election on the West Coast, there are no voting options for the Toquaht Nation, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ, Ahousaht First Nation, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation (Esowista 3 and Opitsat 1), or Hesquiaht First Nation in the ACRD and SD70 elections.

The City of Port Alberni, District of Ucluelet, and District of Tofino each conduct their own municipal elections. First Nations members residing within these jurisdictions should refer to the respective municipality's election information to determine their eligibility to vote in those elections.

ADVANCED POLLS

Wednesday, October 7, 8 am - 8 pm
Regional District Office - 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni
Wednesday, October 14, 8 am -8 pm
Regional District Office - 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni

ELECTION DAY - Saturday, October 17, 8 am - 8 pm

Beaver Creek Fire Hall - 6038 Beaver Creek Rd, Port Alberni
Cherry Creek Community Hall - 3720 Moore Rd, Port Alberni
East Bamfield Fire Hall - 352 Pachena Rd, Bamfield
Sproat Lake Community Hall – 9346 Bomber Base Rd, Port Alberni

For more information or to request a mail ballot application, visit www.acrd.bc.ca, call 250-720-2700, or email elections@acrd.bc.ca.