



2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Are you eligible and registered to vote in the 2026 RDEK General Local Elections for Electoral Area Directors or School District No. 5 and School District No. 6 Trustees in Electoral Areas B, F or G?

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

This year the RDEK has updated its election registration processes and will now be using the Provincial Voters List, prepared by Elections BC, for resident elector registrations. If you are an eligible resident elector and would like to make sure you are on the Provincial Voters List, you can register or update your information with Elections BC before August 18, 2026, at www.elections.bc.ca or by calling 1-800-661-8683. Eligible resident electors may also register at the time of voting.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

Non-resident property electors must register directly with the RDEK. Advance registrations for non-resident property electors will be accepted at the RDEK office in Cranbrook until 4:30 pm on August 25, 2026. After that time, eligible non-resident property electors may register only at the time of voting.

To find out if you are registered as a non-resident property elector you can visit the RDEK office at 19 – 24 Avenue South, Cranbrook, by calling us at 250-489-2791, or by sending an email to elections@rdek.bc.ca. The office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration;
- a resident of the specific RDEK electoral area; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration;
- a registered owner of real property in the specific RDEK electoral area for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration;
- the only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust;
- not entitled to register as a resident elector;
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election and not otherwise disqualified by law; and
- if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning September 1, 2026, until the close of general voting for the election on October 17, 2026, a copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection at the RDEK office in Cranbrook, during regular office hours. Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect the list or use the information included in the list except for the purposes of Part 3 – Electors and Elections of the *Local Government Act*. An elector may request that their address or other personal information about them be omitted from or obscured on the list of electors. The elector must contact the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Election Officer to make this request.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the *Local Government Act* until 4:00 pm on September 11, 2026. An objection must be in writing and may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the specific RDEK electoral area and only on the basis that a person whose name appears on the list of electors has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, on these matters, the following persons may be contacted at 250-489-2791 or 1-888-478-7335:

Tina Hlushak, Chief Election Officer
Nikki Bradshaw, Deputy Chief Election Officer