

## Municipal Election 2014 – Candidate Information Sessions

Are you thinking about running in the November 2014 municipal election? Would you like to know more about what it means to be a City of Parksville Council member? Do you think you've got what it takes to be a great City of Parksville Councillor or Mayor?

The City of Parksville will host two information sessions for prospective candidates in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East) as follows:

Wednesday, July 9	1.30 to 3 pm
Friday, September 12	10.30 am to noon

These sessions will include such information as candidate eligibility and duties, nomination process and key dates, election campaign rules, the roles of Mayor and City Council as well as information about recently introduced legislation (*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*). Sessions are geared to potential candidates and campaign workers; however anyone interested is welcome to join the group. Potential candidates need only attend one session and there is no cost to attend.

Nomination of candidates for the 2014 election will take place from 9 am on September 30 until 4 pm on October 10. Nomination packages may be picked up from the administration department, City of Parksville, during regular office hours from August 22 to October 10.

For the first time in BC, voters will be electing candidates for a four-year term; those elected in 2014 will serve on Council until October 2018. Under the new legislation, campaign financing documents will no longer be collected by the municipality as Elections BC will manage the financial requirements and reporting for all local government election candidates.

General voting day is set for **Saturday, November 15** from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre and the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. Advanced polls will be held on Wednesday, November 5 and Wednesday, November 12 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre only.

*Up-to-date election information is available on the City's website, accessible from a quicklink on the home page and on this page each month until the election on November 15.*

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### For more information:

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