Notice No. 10-1

TOWN OF SMITHERS
2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the electors of the Town of Smithers and School District #54 (Bulkley Valley), that an election by voting is necessary to elect 1 Mayor, 6 Councillors, and 3 School Trustees, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

MAYOR – One (1) to be elected		
BUIKEMA	JOHN	SMITHERS
JUDZENTIS	ROBERT	SMITHERS
COUNCILLOR – Six (6) to be elected		
CAMUS	THOMAS	SMITHERS
ELLIOTT	CALVIN	SMITHERS
HAWSE	MURRAY	SMITHERS
LEONARD	LAURA	TELKWA
MARKO	SCOTT	SMITHERS
PATERSON	GENEVIEVE	SMITHERS
RAVEN	SAM	SMITHERS
WRAY	FRANK	SMITHERS
SCHOOL TRUSTEE – Three (3) to be elected		
BRIENESSE	PHIL	SMITHERS
FARRELL	FRANK	SMITHERS
GRAHAM	KRISTINA	TELKWA
MACKAY	DIANE	SMITHERS
THOMAS	CASDA	SMITHERS

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

GENERAL VOTING: Saturday, October 17, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, at Muheim Elementary School, 3659 3rd Avenue, Smithers, B.C.

ADVANCE VOTING: Wednesday, October 7, 2026, and Wednesday, October 14, 2026**,** 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**,** Town of Smithers, Municipal Hall 1027 Aldous Street, Smithers B.C.

SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES: For eligible residents, patients, and/or staff on October 17, 2026, at the following facilities: Bulkley Lodge, 3668 11th Avenue, Smithers, B.C, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Bulkley Valley District Hospital, 3950 8th Avenue, Smithers, B.C, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

MAIL BALLOT VOTING: If you wish to vote by mail, you must submit a completed mail ballot application no later than October 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Mail ballot voting applications are available to pick up at Town Hall, 1027 Aldous Street, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays; or online at www.smithers.ca. Eligible electors are encouraged to apply prior to October 2, 2026, to ensure time for mailing/processing.

Applications received before October 2, 2026, will be ready for distribution on or around October 5, 2026. You are responsible for ensuring that your completed ballot and any supporting documentation is received at Town Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 16, or delivered to Muheim Elementary School, 3659 3rd Avenue, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the application form available at the voting place and making a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day, October 17, 2026;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a resident of the Town of Smithers on the day of registration (at time of voting); and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

To register as a non-resident property elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day [insert date];
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a registered owner of real property in the [municipality or electoral area] for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

In addition, for non-resident property electors, 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. If more than one person is 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.

In order to register at time of voting:
Resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent from the other property owners.**

David Schroeter
Chief Election Officer
Town of Smithers
250-847-1600