Voter Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote in the District of Mackenzie if you meet ALL of the following requirements. **You are:**

- a Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on the day of voting;
- a resident of the District of Mackenzie;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six months prior to voting day registration:
    - Advance Vote November 6, 2024 (May 5, 2024)
    - Advance Vote November 15, 2024 (May 14, 2024)
    - General Vote November 16, 2024 (May 15, 2024); and
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act, or any other enactment, or by law from voting in a local election.

What am I voting for?

Eligible District of Mackenzie voters will be electing one (1) Councillor. Check out the Macktown Buzzette, CHMM 103.5, candidate's websites and 'All Candidates Forums' to stay informed about candidates.

Why should I vote?

Voting in a civic election is an important part of the democratic process. Elected Officials make many decisions that affect you, your family and your neighbours every day. Your vote counts!
Learn more about Local Elections by reviewing the following brochure: General Local Elections 101.

When and where can I vote?

General Voting Day

November 15, 2024
Council Chambers, 1 Mackenzie Blvd.
8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Advanced Voting Opportunities

November 6 & 15, 2024
Council Chambers, 1 Mackenzie Blvd.
8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Special Voting Opportunity
November 15, 2024
Mackenzie & District Hospital (*Patients and Employees only*)
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Do I need to register to vote?

Registration is done at the time of voting and the process is:

1. Each eligible voter produces two (2) pieces of acceptable identification (see '*What identification should I bring to the voting location?*');
2. Each eligible voter signs a declaration that they qualify (see '*Am I Eligible to Vote*'); and
3. For the Voting Book, each eligible voter must provide their full name, residential address, last six digits of their Social Insurance Number OR Date of Birth AND everyone must sign the Voting Book.

What identification should I bring to the voting location?

Please bring **two** pieces of identification which include your address and signature.

Examples of acceptable identification:

- B.C. Driver's License
- B.C. Identification Card
- Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle License issued by ICBC
- B.C. Services Card, B.C. CareCard or Gold CareCard
- Ministry of Social Development Income Assistance Monthly Report Form
- Social Insurance Card
- Citizenship card
- Property tax notice issued by the District of Mackenzie
- Credit or debit card (with signature)
- Utility bill (electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable service)
- Student card

Please note the combination B.C. Driver's License/Care Card is **ONE** piece of identification.

I am a Mackenzie property owner but do not live in the District of Mackenzie. Am I eligible to vote?

Yes, you must provide proof of ownership of the property for which are voting, and you must meet ALL of the following requirements. You are:

- a Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on the day of voting;

- a resident of the District of Mackenzie;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six months prior to voting day registration:
    - Advance Vote November 6, 2024 (May 5, 2024);
    - Advance Vote November 15, 2024 (May 14, 2024);
    - General Vote November 16, 2024 (May 15, 2024);
- a registered owner of real property in the District of Mackenzie for at least 30 days immediately before voting day; and
- are not disqualified under the Local Government Act, or any other enactment, or by law from voting in a local election.

If there is more than one person on title for the property, you must provide written permission from the majority of property owners authorizing you as the sole individual to vote for that property. Please contact the Chief Elections Officer at 250-997-3221 for further information.

I own multiple properties in the District of Mackenzie but live elsewhere, can I vote for each one?

No, you may only vote once as non-resident property owner, and you must meet all other requirements in the previous question.

English is my second language; can I bring someone in to assist me?

If you have difficulty reading or writing English, you may bring a translator to assist at the voting location. The person assisting will be required to complete and sign a declaration in order to provide translation help.

I have a disability; will I receive support at the voting location?

Yes. If you require assistance with voting, you may also bring someone with you into the voting location to help you vote. Please note they will be required to complete and sign a declaration in order to provide support.

If you have difficulty entering the voting location, you may request to receive a mail ballot. Please see the following question for details on how you can request a mail ballot package.

What if I am out of town on Election Day, how can I vote?

There will be Advance Voting days scheduled to allow those electors that would otherwise be absent from the District of Mackenzie on Election Day to vote.

If you will be away for all advance and election day voting opportunities, you may also request a mail ballot.

When and how may I request a mail ballot package?

Mail ballot packages may be requested by all eligible voters from 9:00 am October 30th and 4:00 pm November 14, 2024

The following information must be provided when requesting a mail ballot package to the District Municipal Office by mail (Bag 340, Mackenzie, BC, V0J 2C0), telephone (250-997-3221), fax (250-997-5186), or email.

- Full name
- Residential address
- Address of the property in relation to which you are voting (for non-resident property electors)

Method of delivery of your mail ballot package:

- Pick up at Municipal office, OR
- Regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address, OR
- Regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address that you provide when requesting the ballot package

To ensure you receive the correct registration application form in your package, you must indicate whether you are going to be registering as a resident or non-resident property elector

Mail Ballots packages will be sent out commencing October 30, 2024. Your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Elections Officer or Deputy Chief Elections Officer at the District of Mackenzie by end of General Voting Day - 8:00 pm November 16, 2024.

Key Dates for the Election

Deadline	Date
Declaration of Candidates	October 11, 2024
Start of Campaign Period	October 19, 2024
1st Advance Voting Opportunity	November 6, 2024
2nd Advance Voting Opportunity	November 15, 2024
General Voting Day	November 16, 2024