



**VILLAGE OF BELCARRA
4084 Bedwell Bay Road
Belcarra, BC V3H 4P8**

**MAIL BALLOT VOTING INFORMATION
2021 BY-ELECTION**

1. WHO CAN VOTE BY MAIL?

On Saturday, January 23, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Village of Belcarra will hold a By-Election for Mayor. The Councillor position has been confirmed by acclamation.

Pursuant to Ministerial Order M429-2020, all Electors within the Village may vote by mail ballot. The Village is encouraging electors to use this opportunity to help carry out a “safer” election during these COVID times.

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

You are allowed to vote if you are registered as:

- a resident elector (i.e., you live in the Village}, OR
- a non-resident property elector (i.e., you live elsewhere in BC but own property in the Village).

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election or assent voting; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a resident of the Village for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election or assent voting; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the Village for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
 - the only persons who are registered owners of the real 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; and
 - not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or 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.**

3. HOW DO YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

You must register on the Village of Belcarra List of Electors, either

- by being on the List of Electors (based on the Provincial Government voters list) adopted as of December 2, 2020 OR
- at the time of filling in your ballot.

If you are not currently on the List of Electors, an application to register form will be included in your mail ballot package.

If you wish to confirm that your name is on the Village of Belcarra List of Electors, or you want to register a change of name or address, contact the Village of Belcarra office at **604-937-4100** or email election@belcarra.ca

4. REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE

In order to obtain a mail ballot, you must submit an application form with the information as listed below, by email at election@belcarra.ca by 4:00 pm on January 21, 2021:

- (1) Full name,
- (2) Residential address,
- (3) Address of the property in relation to which you are voting (for non-resident property electors),
- (4) Method of delivery of your mail ballot package:
 - (a) pick up at the Village Hall, OR
 - (b) pick up at the Village Hall by a person authorized by you (identification required), OR
 - (c) regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address, OR
 - (d) regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address that you provide when requesting the ballot package,
- (5) If you are not on the list of electors, 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.

An application form is available on the website for your convenience or you may call the office at 937-4100 to have an application emailed to you. **Please note that once you request a mail ballot, you will not be issued another ballot for this election.**

If you request a mail ballot by noon on January 8, 2021, the Village will send out mail ballot packages commencing on or about the second week in January. In order to ensure that you receive your mail ballot in a timely fashion, your mail ballot package will only be available for pick up at the Village Hall for any request made after the noon deadline on January 8, 2021.

To be counted for the election or assent voting, your completed ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer **no later than 8:00 p.m. on January 23, 2021**. The completed ballot package may be mailed or dropped off at the Village Hall. For those of you dropping off your completed ballots, you may leave your completed ballot with an election staff member at the entrance without entering the building.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

Lisa M. Zwarn, Chief Election Officer

Paula Richardson and Connie Esposito, Deputy Chief Election Officers

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Phone: 604-937-4100

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