



VILLAGE OF BELCARRA

"Between Forest and Sea"

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NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to be a Non-Resident Property Elector?

If you are the registered owner of real property in the Village of Belcarra, but live elsewhere in British Columbia, you have the right to vote both in the Village of Belcarra and where you live.

To vote in the Village of Belcarra Local Government Elections as a Non-Resident Property Elector, you must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- ✓ You will be age 18 or older on General Voting Day (October 15, 2022);
- ✓ You are a Canadian citizen;
- ✓ You have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day you register to vote;
- ✓ You have been a registered owner of real property in the Village of Belcarra for at least 30 days immediately before the day you register to vote;
- ✓ The only persons who are registered owners of the real property are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or a society or other trust;
- ✓ If applicable, you have received the written consent of the majority of registered owners for the real property, authorizing you to be registered as the Non-Resident Property Elector for this property.
- ✓ You have not registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector in relation to any other parcel of real property in the Village of Belcarra.
- ✓ You are not disqualified by the *Local Government Act*, the *School Act*, or any other enactment from voting in an election nor are you otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Are landed immigrants eligible to vote?

No. You must be a Canadian citizen to vote.

What does "Registered Owner of Real Property" mean:

This means whichever of the following is applicable:

- (a) The owner of a registered estate in fee simple of the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraphs (b) to (d);
- (b) The holder of the last registered agreement for sale, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (c) or (d);
- (c) The tenant for life under a registered life interest in the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (d); or
- (d) The holder of a registered lease of the property for a term of at least 99 years.

What if the property is registered in my company's name?

You are not eligible to vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector if:

- The property is registered in a company's or society's name, or
- You are holding the property in trust for a corporation, a society, or another trust.

What if I own property with someone else?

Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote with respect to each property. In other words, if two or more individuals own a single piece of property, the majority of the owners must designate one owner as the Non-Resident Property Elector for that property. For example, if you co-own the property with one other person, you will need to get the written consent of the other owner to be the designated Non-Resident Property Elector for that property. A completed “Consent of Registered Owners for Non-Resident Property Elector Form” (Form 2-8) must be submitted before registration can take place.

What if I own property with someone else, and that person is living on the property?

The person living on the property may qualify as a Resident Elector because he or she is a resident of the Village of Belcarra. As a Non-Resident Property Elector, you are also eligible to vote for that property, but you will still need the written consent of the other owner.

What if I own more than one piece of property?

You may only vote once in an election in the Village of Belcarra, no matter how many properties you own. You may, however, vote in elections in different municipalities if you own property there. If for example, you own one piece of property in one municipality and you own another piece of property in another municipality and live in another municipality located in British Columbia, you may vote in the first and second municipality as a Non-Resident Property Elector and vote as a Resident Elector in the municipality where you live.

What does “disqualified from voting” mean?

You may not vote in a British Columbia Local Government Election if you:

- have been convicted of an indictable offence and are in custody; or
- have been found guilty of an election offence.

When I register to vote with the Village of Belcarra, will my name be added to the Provincial Voters’ List?

No. When you register as a Non-Resident Property Elector your information will not be included in the Provincial Voters’ List, however, the Village of Belcarra will keep your name on its own Voters’ List.