

Summer Village of Yellowstone

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General Election 2021
Election Day: Saturday, August 14th, 2021 – 10:00am to 7:00pm
Location: Onoway Heritage Centre – Onoway, Alberta

Voter Eligibility – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Am I Eligible to Vote?

A: Under **Section 47** of the Local Authorities Election Act, a person is eligible to vote in this election if the person:

- ✓ Is at least 18 years old,
- ✓ Is a Canadian citizen, and
- ✓ Resides in Alberta and person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on Election Day (**an exception exists for Summer Villages – see next question**)

Q: I Own Property in More Than One Municipality, Can I Vote in Both?

A: An exception exists for summer villages whereby a person is entitled to vote at an election if:

- i. The person is eligible to vote under Section 47 of the Act (as per above), or
- ii. The person is 18 years old, a Canadian citizen and is named on a certificate of title as the person who owns property within the summer village, or
- iii. The person is 18 years old, a Canadian citizen and is the spouse or adult interdependent partner of a persons referred to in subclause (ii, above).

Q: I Am a Renter, Not a Property Owner, Am I Entitled to Vote?

A: Yes, a renter can vote if they meet the Eligibility to Vote criteria, Section 47 (see above), of the Act.

Q: Do I need to Show Voter Identification When I Vote?

A: Yes, notwithstanding Section 53(4) of the Act, in order to vote you must produce one piece of identification for inspection. Under this basic requirement, you must produce (A) one piece of photo identification with name and address that is issued by a Canadian government (federal, provincial, local or an agency thereof), or (B) one piece of identification authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer under the Election Act with name and address (listing on reverse side), as required by Section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act.

Note: For a Complete Listing of the legislation, please refer to the Local Authorities Election Act RSA 2000 Chapter L-21, Current Edition (January 1st, 2021)

Voter Identification Requirements

Voter Identification and Eligibility for Municipal Elections



Proof of identity and current residence is required to be able to vote in municipal elections.

Any of the following documents that has the voter's name and address on it will be accepted as valid proof:

- Identification issued by a Canadian government, whether federal, provincial or local, or an agency of that government, that contains a photograph of the elector and their name and current address.
- Bank or credit card statement or personal cheque.
- Government cheque or cheque stub.
- Income or property tax assessment notice.
- Insurance policy or coverage card.
- Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee.
- Pension plan statement of benefits, contributions or participation.
- Residential lease or mortgage statement.
- Statement of government benefits (for example, employment insurance, old-age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefit).
- Utility bill (for example, telephone, public utilities commission, television, hydro, gas or water).
- Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate.

A letter or form (attestation) confirming that the person lives at the stated address will also be accepted as valid proof. The letter can be signed prior to the vote by any of the following:

- authorized representative of a commercial property management company;
- authorized representative of a correctional institution;
- authorized representative of a First Nations band or reserve;
- authorized representative of a post-secondary institution;
- authorized representative of a facility that provides services to the homeless; or
- authorized representative of a supportive living facility or treatment centre.

If a voter's identification shows a post office box number as the address instead of a residential or legal address, it can be accepted as verification of current address if it is in reasonable distance to the voting jurisdiction. The address does not have to be in the voting division or ward.

An elected authority could, by bylaw, require additional verification or a combination of verification to establish the person's specific current address.

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