

2022 Cultus Lake Park Election Question & Answer

The information below is a summary of questions & answers that may be beneficial with respect to the upcoming election

1. What are the eligibility requirements to be a candidate for the office of Commissioner in Cultus Lake Park as per the *Local Government Act*?

- a. The person must be an individual who is, or who will be on general voting day for the election, eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- b. the person must be a Canadian citizen;
- c. the person must have been a resident of British Columbia, as determined in accordance with the *Local Government Act* section 67, for at least six (6) months immediately before the relevant time; and
- d. the person must not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

As per the *Cultus Lake Park Act*:

- a. A person is qualified to be nominated as a Chilliwack representative, and to be elected and to hold office as a Chilliwack representative, if at the relevant time the person meets the qualifications to be nominated as a member of the council of a municipality under the *Local Government Act* and to be elected and to hold office as a member of the council of a municipality under the *Local Government Act*.
- b. A person is qualified to be nominated as a park representative, and to be elected and to hold office as a park representative, if at the relevant time the person
 - i. is a leaseholder or resides in the park; and
 - ii. meets the qualifications to be nominated as a member of the council of a municipality under the *Local Government Act* and to be elected and to hold office as a member of the council of a municipality under the *Local Government Act*.

2. Under what provisions would a candidate be disqualified from running in the election, as per the *Local Government Act*?

A person is disqualified from running for local government office if they fall within any of the following categories of persons:

- a. Is a judge of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court or Provincial court;
- b. is an employee* of the local government for which the election is being held, unless the requirements of LGA s. 82 are met;
- c. if running for office of regional district electoral area director, is an employee* of a member municipality of that regional district, unless the requirements of the LGA s. 82 are met;
- d. if running for office of mayor or councillor, is an employee* of the regional district of which that municipality is a member, unless the requirements of LGA s. 82 are met;
- e. disqualified under the following LGA provisions (including the provisions that apply to the Islands Trust):

- i. s. 202(4) – regional district board member failure to make oath or affirmation of office
 - ii. s. 204(1) – unexcused absence from regional district board meetings;
- f. disqualified under the following *Community Charter* provisions:
 - Division 6 of Part 4 – conflict of interest (applies to municipalities, regional districts, and Islands Trust)
 - i. s. 120(1.1) – council member failure to make oath of office
 - ii. s. 125(5) – unexcused absence from council meetings
 - iii. s. 191(3) – unauthorized expenditures (councils);
- g. disqualified under (e) and (f) above as they apply under another enactment;
- h. disqualified under LGA Division 18 – Election Offences as it applies to elections or voting under the LGA or any other Act;
- i. disqualified under LECFA from holding office on a local authority; or
- j. disqualified under any other enactment.

As per the *Cultus Lake Park Act*:

- k. A member of the board is disqualified until the next election under this Act and the member's office becomes vacant in any of the following circumstances:
 - l. the board passes a resolution declaring as vacant the office of a member who is absent from the meetings of the board for three (3) consecutive months without the member
 - i. obtaining leave of absence from the board, or
 - ii. providing reasons for the member's absence that are satisfactory to the board;
 - m. the member ceases to hold the qualifications required under section 4;
 - n. the member contravenes Division 6 [*Conflict of Interest*] of Part 4 [*Public Participation and Council Accountability*] of the *Community Charter*, as applied under section 20 of this Act.

3. How many nominators do I need for my nomination package?

You will need a minimum of two (2) nominators to sign your nomination package.

4. When can I drop off my nomination package?

From August 30, 2022, to September 9, 2022, you can make an appointment with Rachel Litchfield, Chief Election Officer, to hand in your nomination package.

5. What are the eligibility requirements to be a resident elector in Cultus Lake Park?

- a. You must be eighteen (18) years of age on the day of registration (we will be providing same day registration on general voting day);
- b. be a Canadian citizen;
- c. be a resident of BC for the last six (6) months before the day of registration
- d. be a resident of Cultus Lake Park for thirty (30) days immediately before the day of registration; and
- e. not be disqualified under the LGA from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

6. What are the eligibility requirements to be a non-resident elector in Cultus Lake Park?

- a. You must be eighteen (18) years of age on the day of registration (we will be providing same day registration on general voting day)
- b. be a Canadian citizen;
- c. be a resident of BC for the last six (6) months immediately the day before day of registration;
- d. be a leaseholder within Cultus Lake Park thirty (30) days immediately before the day of registration; and
- e. not be disqualified under the LGA from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

7. Can I vote if my lease is registered through a company?

No, not unless your primary residence is within Cultus Lake Park.

8. If there are multiple leaseholders on my lease and it's not our primary address, can we all vote?

No, you must sign an affidavit form allowing one leaseholder to vote as a non-resident elector.

9. If there are multiple leaseholders on my lease, and it's our primary residence, can we all vote?

Yes, you can all register as resident electors.

10. I am a leaseholder and I have a tenant. Can we both vote?

The leaseholder can vote as a non-resident elector and the tenant can vote as a resident elector.

11. What kind of identification do I need to bring when I come to vote?

You will need to bring two (2) pieces of valid identification, the primary identification will require a signature and photo to verify your identity, and the second piece will require an address to confirm residence. The following forms of identification will be accepted:

- a. Driver's Licence
- b. Identification Card
- c. Photo BC Services Card
- d. Non-photo BC Services Card
- e. Car insurance papers
- f. BC Care Card
- g. Provincial Social Assistance FORM SDES8
- h. Social Insurance Number
- i. Citizenship Card
- j. Property Tax Notice
- k. Credit card or debit card
- l. Utility bill such as cable services, electricity, gas, telephone services, water
- m. Valid current passport
- n. Birth certificate
- o. Firearms Licence
- p. Voter notification card
- q. Nexus Card

12. How do I register for a mail ballot?

You can request a mail ballot from September 29, 2022, starting at 8:30 am until October 13, 2022, by 4:00 pm by calling 604-858-3334, emailing reception@cultuslake.bc.ca or in person at the Cultus Lake Park Office located at 4165 Columbia Valley Hwy, Cultus Lake, BC.

13. When is advanced voting day?

October 5, 2022, at the Cultus Lake Park Office from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

14. When is the General Voting Day?

October 15, 2022, at the Cultus Lake Community Hall from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.