

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR?

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You may vote in the 2022 General Local Election, as a non-resident (property) elector if you meet all of the following criteria:

- The owners must be individuals, not corporations, and must not hold their interest in trust for a corporation or another trust;
- You are NOT a Resident Elector of Kelowna; AND
- You are a Canadian citizen; AND
- You are at least 18 years of age, as of October 15, 2022; AND
- You have lived in BC for at least 6 months (April 14, 2022 if voting on general voting day) prior to registering to vote; AND
- You have been a registered owner of real property in the City of Kelowna for at least 30 days (September 14, 2022 if voting on general voting day) prior to registering to vote; AND
- If applicable, you have 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; AND
- You have not registered as a non-resident property elector in relation to any other parcel of real property in the City of Kelowna; AND
- You are not disqualified from voting because you:
  - Have been convicted of an indictable offence for which you are currently in custody; OR
  - Have been found guilty of an election offence.

### HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

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If you qualify to vote, you do NOT need to register PRIOR to election day. The City of Kelowna uses “Voting Day Only Registration” and does not maintain a voters list.

Non-resident (property) electors NO LONGER need a Property Elector Certificate to vote. In order to register, however, you will need to bring the following additional pieces of paper with you to the voting place on voting day:

- Proof of ownership of the property in question, for example, your tax notice, or a certificate of title print-out (a utility bill or other similar document is NOT proof of ownership); and
- If applicable, written consent from a majority of the registered owners stating that you are the one owner of the property who is designated as the non-resident (property) elector for that property.

To register on election day, **non-resident (property) electors are required to produce two pieces of identification** (at least one must provide a signature) to prove identity. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- BC Driver’s License (combination BC Driver’s License/BC Services Card count as **one (1)** piece of ID)
- ICBC Vehicle Insurance Documents
- BC Identification Card
- BC Services Card or Gold CareCard
- Citizenship Card
- Kelowna Tax Notice
- Social Insurance Card
- Credit Card
- Utility Bill

Other forms of identification may be accepted, at the discretion of the Presiding Election Official at the voting place.

## **Are landed immigrants eligible to vote?**

No. You must be a Canadian citizen to vote.

## **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 name, or
- you are holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.

## **What if I own property with someone else?**

Only one non-resident property elector may vote with respect to each property. 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 Registration form must be submitted when registering to vote.

## **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 Kelowna. 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 Kelowna, 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 a first municipality, and a second piece of property in a second municipality, and you live in a third municipality, then you may vote in the first two municipalities as a non-resident property elector and vote as a resident elector in the municipality that you live in.

## **Do I need to get a Non-Resident Property Owner Certificate?**

No. Prior to the 2008 election, non-resident property owners were required to go to the Office of the City Clerk to get a special certificate providing evidence of their eligibility to register as a non-resident property elector. Due to a legislative amendment, this certificate is no longer required.

## **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.