

## 2022 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION OCTOBER 15, 2022

The General Local Election is the most direct way for the public to influence their local government and school district by determining the individuals who make decisions and govern on their behalf.

Voters in Duncan will have the opportunity to vote for Duncan City Council (6 Councillors), and School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) School Board (7 Trustees), as well as one assent voting question from the Cowichan Valley Regional District regarding Regional Recreation Funding Services. Michelle Staples has been elected to the Office of Mayor by acclamation.

### Voting Opportunities

**Wednesday, October 5 & Tuesday, October 11, 2022:** Advance voting opportunities will be held at the Duncan Fire Hall, 468 Duncan Street, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 15, 2022:** General voting day will be held at the Duncan Fire Hall, 468 Duncan Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Voter Eligibility

You are eligible to vote as a resident elector if you meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of BC for at least six months immediately before the day of registration;
- a resident of Duncan on the day of registration; and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment, from voting in a local election.

If you own property in the City of Duncan but live in another jurisdiction, you may be eligible to vote as a **non-resident property elector**. Please visit [www.duncan.ca](http://www.duncan.ca) for more information on eligibility requirements and registration.

## CITY OF DUNCAN COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Qualified voters in the City of Duncan will have the opportunity to vote for up to 6 Councillors:

- Garry Bruce
- Joe Sawchuk
- Carol Newington
- Mark Anderson
- Mike McKinlay
- Bob Brooke
- Jenni Capps
- Tom Duncan
- Stacy Middlemiss

For candidate contact information, please visit: CivicInfo BC at [bc.localelections.ca](http://bc.localelections.ca)

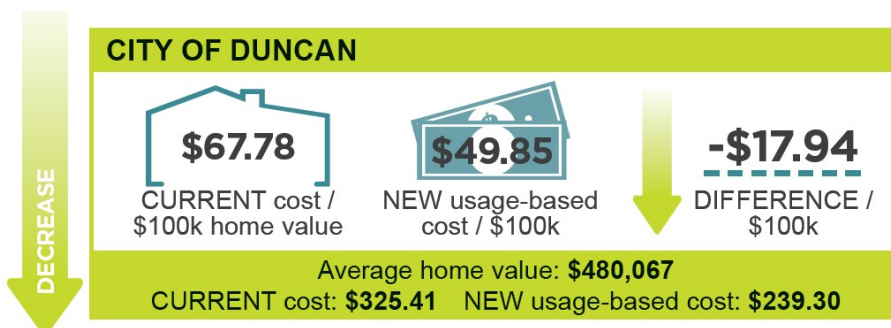


**By voting YES for regional recreation funding services at the election, Duncan will save \$280,000/year.**

[planyourcowichan.ca/RECFUND](http://planyourcowichan.ca/RECFUND)

## Vote YES for the CVRD Regional Recreation Funding Services Question at the October General Local Election

The cost of operating some of our region's most-used recreation facilities puts an unfair financial burden on the City of Duncan and some other areas in the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD). A new usage-based funding model will fix this and make funding fair and sustainable. The new funding model will result in City of Duncan taxpayers paying less for recreation. Visit [planyourcowichan.ca/RECFUND](http://planyourcowichan.ca/RECFUND)









NOTE: Both current costs and usage-based costs are based on 2019 budget numbers to best represent normal expenditures from before the COVID-19 pandemic. The percentages of use by jurisdiction are based on the average between the 2017 and 2022 data collection cycles. Average home values are based on 2022 BC Assessment values.



### WHAT FACILITIES?

These facilities are included in the new funding model

-  Cowichan Community Centre
-  Cowichan Performing Arts Centre
-  Cowichan Aquatic Centre
-  Cowichan Lake Sports Arena
-  Kerry Park Recreation Centre
-  Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
-  Cowichan Sportsplex
-  Fuller Lake Arena
-  Frank Jameson Community Centre

Comments, questions, or concerns?

Visit [www.duncan.ca](http://www.duncan.ca) | Phone 250-746-6126 | Email [duncan@duncan.ca](mailto:duncan@duncan.ca)

## COMPOST PICK-UP

Please put your compost out by 7:00 a.m. the morning of your pickup to ensure it does not freeze in the bin overnight. If it freezes, City crew members may be unable to lift the bins, dump it all out, and ensure that they are empty.

## YARD WASTE & GLASS PICK-UP REMINDER

Yard waste and glass are collected by a contractor on the first collection day of each month (**March to December; No collection in January or February**). The following can be placed at the curb:

### YARD WASTE

- Up to ten (10) compostable bags or reusable bins of yard waste no larger than 77L and weighing no more than 50lbs/22kg each.

### STICKS

- Up to 2 bundles permitted. Individual sticks in the bundle can be up to 2 inches in diameter, and each bundle no more than 2.5 ft in diameter. Bundles of sticks must be tied with cotton string and not exceed 50lbs/22kg in weight.

### GLASS

- Unlimited glass. Glass must be unbroken, clean and contained in a bin.

Residents can also dispose of yard waste, soft plastics, and glass for free at the Bings Creek Transfer Station, year-round. For more information, please contact Bings Creek Transfer Station at 3900 Drinkwater Road or 250-746-2540.

## 2023 BUDGET PLANNING

Have your say on the proposed City of Duncan 2023 budget by attending one of the Committee of the Whole meetings:

- **Friday, November 18, Noon - 4:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, December 2, Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

Watch for more information on [Placespeak.ca/Cowichan](https://placespeak.ca/Cowichan)

If you have any questions regarding the proposed 2023 budget, please contact our Director of Finance.

Phone: 250-746-6126 | Email: [bernice@duncan.ca](mailto:bernice@duncan.ca)

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

488 Garden Street – underground frontage works are ongoing, surface works to be completed Spring 2023.

545 Jubilee Street – Phase 1 of offsite works are complete. Phase 2 to be completed in Spring 2023.

Please obey traffic signage; traffic control personnel will be present to safely guide pedestrians and drivers around the construction sites where needed. We thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding.

**Questions? Please contact Public Works at 250-746-5321 or email [publicworks@duncan.ca](mailto:publicworks@duncan.ca)**

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

A good time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, as well as change the batteries, is when you change your clocks twice a year. Daylight savings time ends on November 6, 2022.



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 100 YEARS 1922 - 2022

**OCTOBER 9 - 15, 2022**

**"Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape!"**

Today's home fires burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

Follow these simple steps to make a home fire escape plan:

1. Draw a map of all the rooms in your home.
2. Mark two exits from each room (usually a door and a window). Mark a path from each exit to the outside.
3. Include the location of all smoke alarms in your home.
4. Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home where everyone will meet upon exiting.
5. Add 9-1-1 to your plan.
6. Plan to call 9-1-1 from a neighbour's phone or a cell phone once you're outside.



## COWICHAN ALERTABLE APP

The CVRD and partner municipalities launched a new and improved emergency alert and advisory system for residents of the Cowichan region. It is designed to let residents know about everything from fires to floods and road closures quickly and efficiently. Cowichan Alert is powered by Alertable and is centred around a free app that residents can download on their smartphones, smart devices, and home computers. Residents are encouraged to download the Alertable app to subscribe to the full suite of notifications available. To sign up for Cowichan Alert and download the Alertable app, go to [www.cowichanalert.ca](http://www.cowichanalert.ca).



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