



Town of Ladysmith 2025 By- Election Key Dates

DATE	EVENT	LEGISLATION
Tuesday, July 23, 2024	Last day to move to BC and be eligible as candidate to submit nomination documents before Nomination Period closes (January 24, 2025)	LGA 81(1)(c)
Friday, August 30, 2024	Last day to move to BC and be eligible to register and vote on General Voting Day (GVD) Saturday, March 1, 2025	LGA 65(1)(c) & 66(1)(d)
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	Election Period begins (first day office becomes vacant). See elections.bc.ca for recording, reporting and disclosure requirements for candidates, elector organizations and third-party advertisers	LECFA 10(1)(a)(i)
Sunday, December 1, 2024	Pre-Campaign Period starts (ends Friday, January 31, 2025) At the beginning of this period election advertising rules come into force and continue through General Voting Day.	LECFA 10
Monday, December 16, 2024	Candidate nomination and endorsement packages ready for pickup at City Hall	
Prior to January 7, 2025	Registered electors may apply to Chief Election Officer (CEO) to omit or obscure their personal information on the list of registered electors	LGA 77(6)(b) & 78
Tuesday, January 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day to withdraw consent for Non-resident Property Elector to be effective for 2025 By-Election • Advance registration of electors at City Hall closes at 4:00 pm after which registration is only permitted at the time of voting 	LGA 66(7) & (8) LGA 71(4)
Wednesday, January 8, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Voter's List becomes List of Resident Electors 	LGA 76 & EB
Tuesday, January 14, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination Period begins at 9:00 am (ends 4:00 pm January 24) • Nomination and endorsement papers available for public inspection from time of delivery until April 4 (if official results declared March 5) and candidate nomination or endorsement may be challenged through Provincial Court until 4:00 pm on January 28 • List of Electors available for public inspection period begins (no copying) • Period for objections to elector registration begins 	LGA 84(1) LGA 89(7) LGA 89(7), 91 & 96 LGA 77(3) & (10) LGA 79(2)
Friday, January 24, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination period ends at 4:00 pm • CEO declares candidates at 4:01 pm OR, if fewer candidates than positions, may extend the period to February 6 at 4:00 pm • Period to object to elector registration ends at 4:00 pm 	LGA 84(1) & 89(5) LGA 97(1) & (2) LGA 79(2)
Tuesday, January 28, 2025	Period to challenge a candidate nomination or elector organization endorsement through the Provincial Court ends at 4:00 pm	LGA 91 & 96

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Friday, January 31, 2025	Last day for a Canadian (who is a resident of BC for 6 months immediately prior to voting day) to buy property in the Town of Ladysmith and be eligible to register and vote as a NRPE at March 1 By-Election	LGA 65(1)(d) & 66(1)(e)
Friday, January 31, 2025	Finalization of Candidates Deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 pm deadline for a Court decision on challenge to nomination or challenge to elector organization endorsement • 4:00 pm deadline for withdrawal of a candidate (unless candidate obtains Ministerial approval of later date) and for withdrawal of elector organization endorsement • 4:00 pm deadline for delivery to CEO of originals of faxed or emailed nomination documents • Pre-campaign Period ends; Election Period ends (12:00 Midnight) 	LGA 91(9) & 96(8) LGA 101(1) & (2) LGA 95 LGA 89(5) LECFA 10(1) & (1.1)
Saturday, February 1, 2025	Campaign Period begins (ends at the close of voting GVD). Expense limits apply to candidates, elector organizations and third-party advertisers	LECFA 10(2) (28 th day before voting day)
Monday, February 3, 2025	CEO declares Election by Voting or Candidates Elected by Acclamation at 4:00 pm	LGA 98(2) & (3)
Early February	Mail Ballot Packages sent to electors eligible for, and registered in advance to Vote by Mail. (<i>Date subject to receipt of ballots from printer</i>).	LGA 110 & EB
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	ADVANCE VOTING DAY 8:00 am – 8:00 pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 410 Esplanade Avenue, Ladysmith, BC <i>All electors are eligible to vote at Advance Voting – Ballots counted March 1</i>	LGA 107(1)
Wednesday, February 26, 2025	ADVANCE VOTING DAY 8:00 am – 8:00 pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 410 Esplanade Avenue, Ladysmith, BC <i>All electors are eligible to vote at Advance Voting – Ballots counted March 1</i>	LGA 107(1) & EB
Saturday, March 1, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GENERAL VOTING DAY 8:00 am – 8:00 pm at Frank Jameson Community Centre, 810 6th Avenue, Ladysmith, BC • Period for inspection of List of Electors ends at 8:00 pm (no copying) • Campaign Period ends at 8:00 pm • Deadline to deliver Mail Ballots to CEO at 8:00 pm after which all ballots (Advance, General Voting Day and Mail Ballots) are counted • CEO may release Preliminary Results (www.ladysmith.ca and City Hall bulletin board) 	LGA 52 LGA 77 (3) & (10) LECFA 10(2) LGA 110(9) LGA 144(1)
Monday, March 3, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of Official Election Results starts at 10:00 am (Candidates entitled to be present) Council Chamber, City Hall 	LGA 145 & CEO
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day for CEO to declare Official Election Results - before 4:00 pm 	LGA 146(1) LGA 148(3) LGA 160(3)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After Official Results declared, period to apply for Judicial Recount and 30-day period for inspection (no copying) of Voting Day materials begins 	
Monday, March 10, 2025	Last day for application for Judicial Recount	LGA 148(3)
Friday, March 14, 2025	Deadline for completing Judicial Recount	LGA 149(1)
To Be Determined	Oath of office and term begins , 7:00 pm at Ladysmith Seniors Centre, 630 2 nd Avenue, Ladysmith	LGA 147, EB, CC 120 & 124(2)(g)
Friday, April 4, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for application to the Supreme Court to invalidate an election or determine the right of a candidate to take office, if declared March 5 Last day to inspect Voting Day materials listed in LGA 160(3) and nomination documents, if declared March 5 Last day for CEO to report to Council, if declared March 5 	LGA 153(3) LGA 160(3) & 89(7) LGA 158(1)
Friday, May 30, 2025	Deadline for all candidates (whether elected or not), elector organizations and third-party sponsors to file Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements with Elections BC (without penalty)	LECFA 47 (1), 56 & 90
Monday, June 30, 2025	Deadline for all candidates (whether elected or not), elector organizations and third-party sponsors to file late Campaign Financing Disclosure Statement with Elections BC (with \$500 penalty)	LECFA 47 & 56

Key: CEO Chief Election Officer CC *Community Charter* EB *Town of Ladysmith Election & Assent Voting Bylaw 2018, No. 1964* GVD General Voting Day LGA *Local Government Act* LECFA *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*

INFORMATION REGARDING ALL-CANDIDATES MEETINGS

The Town of Ladysmith has no involvement in organizing all-candidates meetings; however, associations, organizations, and groups that will be holding public all-candidates meetings can provide the meeting information to the Town for posting for the benefit of electors.

ELECTION QUESTIONS? Visit www.ladysmith.ca, email vote@ladysmith.ca, or call 250.245.6400.

CAMPAIGN QUESTIONS? Visit www.elections.bc.ca, email electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca, or call 1.800.661.8683.