



**Dear Potential Council Candidate:**

Thank you for your interest in the upcoming local government election. A few points to consider are noted below:

- Nomination period begins at 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, and closes at 4:00 pm on January 23, 2026. The Chief Election Officer, or designate, must receive nomination documents during this timeframe at the Village of Montrose municipal office. Nomination documents may be delivered by hand, mail, email, fax or other delivery service.
- If you submit your nomination electronically, the originals must be delivered to the Chief Election Officer by **January 30, 2026, 4 pm.**
- Two nominators are required. Nominators must be on the Village maintained list of Resident Electors.
- Submitted nomination papers are available for public inspection from the time of delivery.
- If you decide to withdraw your nomination, the deadline is Friday, January 30, 2026, at 4:00 pm.
- Campaign Period: January 31 – February 28, 2026
- **All participants must file a Campaign Financing Disclosure Statement with Elections BC by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 2026.** Disclosure forms are provided by Elections BC and are available by mail or on the Elections BC website, in accordance with section 46 of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.
- Declaration of candidates will take place on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 4:00 pm in the Village Office at 565 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Montrose, BC.

For information on election rules, signage, campaigning, and filing procedures, please contact Elections BC. [Electoralfinance@elections.bc.ca](mailto:Electoralfinance@elections.bc.ca) or 1-800-661-8683.

**Helpful Resources:**

- Local Government Act
- Financial Disclosure Act
- Guide to Local Elections Campaign Financing in B.C. for Candidates and their Financial Agents (Elections BC)
- Elector Organization Guide to Local Elections (Ministry of Municipal Affairs)

If you require assistance or would like additional information on the nomination process, the election process or the Village of Montrose operations in general, please call Hailey Knott, Chief Election Officer or Amy Brandl, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250-367-7234. You are welcome to stop in the office at any time to make inquiries.

Hailey Knott  
Chief Election Official

## Key Dates – By-Election (General Voting Day: Saturday, February 28, 2026)

Date	Key Event / Deadline
<b>November 26, 2025</b>	Start of Election Period
<b>TBD</b>	Candidate BC residency requirement (6 months prior)
<b>TBD</b>	Elector residency deadline (resident & non-resident property elector)
<b>December 1, 2025</b>	Election bylaw adoption deadline
<b>December 7, 2025</b>	Start notice period – close of advance elector registration
<b>December 10, 2025</b>	Earliest date to appoint Chief Election Officer
<b>December 14, 2025</b>	Start notice period – nominations & list of registered electors
<b>December 30, 2025</b>	End notice period – close of advance elector registration
<b>January 6, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End notice period – nominations &amp; list of electors</li> <li>• Advance elector registration closes</li> <li>• Last day to withdraw non-resident property elector consent</li> </ul>
<b>January 7, 2026</b>	Adoption of Provincial Voters List (if applicable)
<b>January 13, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nomination period opens (9:00 a.m.)</li> <li>• Challenges to nominations &amp; endorsements begin</li> <li>• Public inspection of voters list begins</li> </ul>
<b>January 19, 2026</b>	Start notice period – required advance voting
<b>January 23, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nomination period closes (4:00 p.m.)</li> <li>• Declaration of candidates</li> <li>• Extended nomination period begins (if required)</li> </ul>
<b>January 26, 2026</b>	End of extended nomination period (if required)
<b>January 27, 2026</b>	Deadline to challenge nominations
<b>January 28, 2026</b>	Deadline to qualify as non-resident property elector (for voting day registration)
<b>January 29, 2026</b>	Start notice period – election by voting
<b>January 30, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nomination document originals due</li> <li>• Candidate &amp; endorsement withdrawal deadline</li> <li>• Election period ends (midnight)</li> </ul>

<b>January 31, 2026</b>	Campaign period begins (12:01 a.m.)
<b>Monday – TBD</b>	Declaration of election by voting <b>or</b> by acclamation
<b>February 11, 2026</b>	End notice period – required advance voting
<b>February 18, 2026</b>	Mandatory 10-day advance voting
<b>TBD</b>	Second advance voting opportunity (if applicable)
<b>February 21, 2026</b>	End notice period – election by voting
<b>Saturday, February 28, 2026</b>	<b>GENERAL VOTING DAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail ballots due</li> <li>• Campaign period ends</li> <li>• Preliminary results (optional)</li> </ul>
<b>March 1, 2026</b>	First day acclamation candidates may take oath
<b>March 4, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official results must be declared</li> <li>• Judicial recount &amp; court challenge periods begin</li> </ul>
<b>March 9, 2026</b>	Deadline to apply for judicial recount
<b>March 10, 2026</b>	First day elected candidates may take oath (if no recount)
<b>March 13, 2026</b>	Judicial recount must be completed
<b>March 14, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day oath permitted after recount</li> <li>• Notification of runoff election (if required)</li> </ul>
<b>April 3, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End public inspection periods</li> <li>• Deadline to challenge election in court</li> <li>• CEO election report due</li> </ul>
<b>April 18, 2026</b>	Deadline to take oath – elected by voting
<b>April 19, 2026</b>	Deadline to take oath – elected by acclamation
<b>April 30, 2026</b>	Start period to destroy election materials
<b>Saturday, May 2, 2026</b>	Last possible day for runoff election
<b>May 29, 2026</b>	Campaign financing disclosure due
<b>June 28, 2026</b>	Final late filing deadline (with penalty)