

2026 North Cowichan Election – Candidate Information

General Voting Day: Saturday, October 17, 2026

The Chemainus Residents Association encourages residents to learn about the candidates seeking election as Mayor and Councillors for the Municipality of North Cowichan.

A number of community organizations, media outlets and election-information services have asked candidates questions, summarized their positions, provided candidate profiles or recorded all-candidates meetings. We have assembled links to some of these resources below to make it easier for residents to find information.

The Chemainus Residents Association does not endorse candidates. Links are provided for information only.

Candidate Questionnaires and Comparison Tools

Common Ground Cowichan Alliance – 2026 Candidate Questionnaire

Common Ground Cowichan Alliance sent the same questionnaire to every confirmed candidate for North Cowichan Mayor and Council. Candidate answers are published in full and unedited, and candidates who did not respond are identified.

The questionnaire covers a range of subjects affecting North Cowichan, including housing, water, the Municipal Forest, agriculture and food security, growth, public services, homelessness, transportation, youth, policing, accessibility and data centres.

[Read the Common Ground Cowichan candidate questionnaire](#)

VoteMate – North Cowichan Candidates

VoteMate is a non-partisan Canadian election-information service. Its North Cowichan page lists candidates for Mayor and Council and provides candidate-supplied biographies, reasons for running and policy positions where candidates have submitted them. Information available varies from candidate to candidate.

[View North Cowichan candidates on VoteMate](#)

Official Candidate Information

Municipality of North Cowichan – Meet the Candidates

North Cowichan's official election page lists the candidates for Mayor and Council and includes nomination documents and links to additional candidate information.

[Municipality of North Cowichan – Meet the Candidates](#)

CivicInfo BC – Candidate Contact and Website Information

CivicInfo provides candidate information, including links to campaign websites and social-media pages where these have been supplied. It can be a useful starting point for residents who want to examine candidates' own campaign material.

[CivicInfo – North Cowichan 2026 candidates](#)

Independent and Media Coverage

Six Mountains – North Cowichan Election Notebook

Cowichan-based journalist Larry Pynn's *Six Mountains* has been publishing coverage of the North Cowichan election. Its election coverage provides background on the candidates and links to candidate campaign information.

[Six Mountains – Election Notebook #4](#)

Cowichan Valley Citizen – North Cowichan Election Coverage

The *Cowichan Valley Citizen* has published local reporting on the 2026 North Cowichan election, including an overview of the field of candidates running for Mayor and Council.

[Cowichan Valley Citizen – North Cowichan election race](#)

Residents may also wish to check the newspaper's continuing election coverage as General Voting Day approaches.

My Cowichan Valley Now – North Cowichan Mayoral Candidates

My Cowichan Valley Now has published local election coverage, including an October 1 article focusing on the candidates seeking the office of Mayor of North Cowichan.

[My Cowichan Valley Now – North Cowichan mayoral candidates](#)

Chemainus Valley Courier – Candidate Profiles

The *Chemainus Valley Courier* has been publishing individual profiles of candidates seeking election to North Cowichan Council. The profiles provide candidates with an opportunity to describe their backgrounds, priorities and reasons for seeking office.

The series includes profiles of a number of North Cowichan council candidates and provides an additional locally focused source of information for Chemainus-area voters. The series is continuing, so residents may wish to check the Courier's election coverage for newly published profiles.

[Visit the Chemainus Valley Courier](#)

All-Candidates Meetings

All-candidates meetings provide an opportunity to hear candidates answer questions directly and to compare their responses on the same or similar issues.

Quamichan Lake Neighbourhood Association All-Candidates Meeting

The Quamichan Lake Neighbourhood Association held an all-candidates meeting on September 19. A recording provides another opportunity to hear directly from candidates.

[Watch the QLNA All-Candidates Meeting](#)

Maple Bay Community Association All-Candidates Meeting

The Maple Bay Community Association also held an all-candidates meeting, providing residents with an opportunity to hear candidate responses to issues raised by the Maple Bay community.

[Watch the Maple Bay All-Candidates Meeting](#)

Additional Election Information

North Cowichan Coalition – Council Voting Record

The North Cowichan Coalition has compiled a selection of votes taken by the current Mayor and Councillors during the 2022–2026 term. This can provide information about the voting records of incumbent candidates.

Please note: the North Cowichan Coalition is an advocacy organization and its selection and presentation of council votes reflects the organization's priorities. Its site advocates for the election of particular candidates. Readers may therefore wish to consult the original Municipality of North Cowichan council records for additional context.

[North Cowichan Coalition – How Did They Vote?](#)