



Candidate Information Package: 2026 Golden Municipal Election

The following package is provided as a reference guide for prospective candidates for Mayor and Council in the 2026 General Local Election in Golden.

Election Information & Forms:

- Key Dates
- Candidate Quick Reference Guide to Election Forms: 2026 Golden Municipal Election
- Notice of Nomination Period
- Candidate Nomination Package Includes:
 - C1 – Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form
 - C2 – Nomination Documents
 - C3 – Other Information Provided by Candidate
 - C4 – Appointment of Candidate Financial Agent
 - C5 – Appointment of Candidate Official Agent
 - C6 – Appointment of Candidate Scrutineer
- Statement of Disclosure – *Financial Disclosure Act*
- Candidate Information Release Authorization (optional)
- Election Sign Acknowledgment
- Additional resources for candidates are available online on the Town of Golden website at golden.ca/election or by visiting the Elections BC website at elections.bc.ca/ or the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs website at gov.bc.ca/localelections
- The Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officers can help you navigate these resources, as required.

Filing Nomination Documents:

The statutory period for receiving nomination documents begins at 9 a.m. on September 1, 2026, and ends at 4 p.m. on September 11, 2026.

You can get nomination documents at Town Hall or online at golden.ca/2026election. If you complete the forms electronically, you will need to print them out and ensure that they are signed and dated as required.

Submitting Nomination Documents

Nomination documents may be delivered by hand, mail or delivery service to the Town of Golden: 810 9th Ave, Box 350, Golden BC, V0A 1H0, or by email at election@golden.ca or fax (250-344-6577). Please note, you require a minimum of two nominators who are qualified electors.

Candidates must make a solemn declaration on the documents. Nominations and declarations are most commonly taken by the Chief Election Officer or designate, at the time nomination papers are filed. However, the declaration can also be taken by a lawyer, notary, or Commissioner for Taking Affidavits in British Columbia at the candidate's cost. Emailed or faxed nomination papers must include the completed solemn declaration.

If you intend to use canvassers, you must complete the Canvasser Authorization Form, available upon request.

Town Hall is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To avoid delays in filing nomination papers, we recommend that you make an appointment to file your nomination papers. To make an appointment, email election@golden.ca or call 250-344-2271 and ask to speak with the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer. Please don't wait until the last minute to submit to avoid any potential problems with verifying and accepting the nomination.

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2026	Event/Deadline
Tuesday, March 10	Last day to meet 6 month BC residency requirement for candidates.
Thursday, April 16	Last day to meet 6-month BC residency requirement for voters registering on general voting day (October 15)
Monday, July 20	• Start of pre-campaign period. Advertising rules come into effect.
Tuesday, September 1	• Nomination period commences at 9 a.m. and nominations are effective upon delivery to the Chief Election Officer. • Nominations are available for public inspection from the time of delivery, and may be challenged until September 15 at 4 p.m..
Friday, September 11	• Nomination Period closes at 4 p.m. • Declaration of candidates after 4 p.m.
Tuesday, September 15	Deadline for challenging nominations and elector endorsements at 4 p.m.
Friday, September 18	At 4 p.m. deadline for: • Withdrawing as a candidate (unless Ministerial approval of later date). • Withdrawing endorsement for a candidate. • Court to hear and determine challenge of nomination or elector organization endorsement. • Chief Election Officer must have received original copies of emailed nomination documents. End of pre-campaign period.
Saturday, September 19	Campaign period begins. Candidate and third-party expense limits apply.
Monday, September 21	Declaration of election by voting or acclamation at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, October 7	ADVANCE VOTING DAY at the Mount 7 Rec Plex from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 17	GENERAL VOTING DAY at the Mount 7 Rec Plex from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Campaign period ends.
Wednesday, October 21	Deadline for declaration of official results. First day to apply for judicial recount.
Thursday, October 22	Last day to remove election signs.
Monday, October 26	Last day to apply for judicial recount.
Friday, October 30	Deadline for completing judicial recount.
Tuesday, November 3	Inaugural Council Meeting and Oaths of Offices in Council Chambers.
Sat/Sun, November 14/15	Council orientation.
2027	Event/Deadline
Friday, January 15	Deadline for filing campaign financing disclosure statement to Elections BC.
Monday, February 16	Last day to file late campaign financing disclosure statement to Elections BC (\$500 late filing penalty).

Candidate Quick Reference Guide to Election Forms: 2026 Golden Municipal Election

Name of Form	Mandatory/Optional	Deadline for Filing or Submission	Available for Public Inspection
C1 – Candidate Cover Sheet and Checklist Form	Mandatory for all candidates	Must be filed with Nomination Documents between 9 a.m. on Sept. 1, 2026, and 4 p.m. on Sept.11, 2026.	No
C2 – Nomination Documents	Mandatory for all candidates	Must be filed between 9 a.m. on Sept. 1, 2026, and 4 p.m. on Sept.11, 2026.	Yes
C3 – Other Information Provided by Candidate	Mandatory for all candidates	Must be filed with Nomination Documents between 9 a.m. on Sept. 1, 2026, and 4 p.m. on Sept.11, 2026. Changes to info must be forwarded to: • <i>Chief Election Officer before declaration of election results</i> • <i>Elections BC after declaration of election results.</i>	No
C4 – Appointment of Candidate Financial Agent	Mandatory ONLY IF the candidate is not their own Financial Agent	Must be filed with Nomination Documents between 9 a.m. on Sept. 1, 2026, and 4 p.m. on Sept.11, 2026. Changes to info must be forwarded to: • <i>Chief Election Officer before declaration of election results</i> • <i>Elections BC after declaration of election results.</i>	Yes – Elections BC makes information available
C5 – Appointment of Official Agent	Mandatory ONLY IF an Official Agent is appointed	Submit to Chief Election Officer as soon as practical after the appointment is made.	No
C6 – Appointment of Candidate Scrutineer	Mandatory ONLY IF scrutineer is appointed	Submit to Chief Election Officer as soon as practical after the appointment is made.	No
Statement of Disclosure under <i>Financial Disclosure Act</i>	Mandatory for all candidates	Submit with Nomination Documents between 9 a.m. on Sept. 1, 2026, and 4 p.m. on Sept.11, 2026.	Yes
Candidate Information Release Authorization	Optional, recommended	Submit with Nomination Documents between 9 a.m. on Sept. 1, 2026, and 4 p.m. on Sept.11, 2026.	Yes
Candidate Profile	Optional, recommended	Submit online no later than 4 p.m. on Sept. 11, 2026 at www.golden.ca/candidateform	Yes
Election Sign Acknowledgment	Optional	N/A	No

All forms must be submitted to the Chief Election Officer or designate: 810 9th Ave, Box 350, Golden BC, V0A 1H0

If you have questions, contact the Chief Election Officer at election@golden.ca or call 250-344-2271