

To all Candidates:

Legislation that affects local government elections has been substantially changed this year by the Province which has resulted in a number of new formats as follows:



1. Candidate Nomination Packages are now compiled by the Province and the one enclosed is the package provided. Please note that while there is provision for more than two persons to nominate a Candidate, legislation only requires two nominators for the nomination to have legal status. More nominators may be recorded if the Candidate so wishes. Be sure your nominators are qualified to nominate you. Staff and election officials are not authorized to extend the filing deadline. Nomination packages must be filed with the District of Sooke Deputy Chief Election Officer (DCEO): Municipal staff are not authorized to accept these documents. Please refer to the DCEO's schedule to find out when she will be at municipal hall or how to reach her to make alternate arrangements to file your nomination documents. Additional packages are available through Municipal Hall, the DCEO, or the website www.sooke.ca.
2. Also included in this package is the Province's brochure entitled *What Every Candidate Needs to Know*, which should be helpful to you when the Nomination Package is in the process of being completed. Additional information and guidance brochures related to the 2014 election are available on the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development website at <http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/2014elections/index.htm>.
3. If the Candidate is to be endorsed by an Elector Organization supplementary packages are available for completion by the Elector Organization. This is mandatory. These packages are available through Municipal Hall, the DCEO, or the website www.sooke.ca.
4. The legislation provides that the disclosing of financial matters concerned with election expenses will be fully administered by **Elections BC**. Therefore the nomination package in hand does not contain any financial forms relating to such financial matters. It is critical that you review the various Provincial election brochures and visit the Elections BC website to familiarize yourself with the new campaign financing, sign and third party advertising rules that are in effect in 2014. The municipality will not accept any candidate financing disclosure statements as they must be filed directly with Elections BC.
5. **Elections BC** will be providing Candidates with financial forms (Candidate Financing Disclosure Statements) that disclose election revenues and expenses incurred during the campaign. These forms will be forwarded to Candidates after Nomination Papers are filed with the Municipal Office. Municipalities are required to forward all Candidate information to Elections BC and upon receipt of the information, Elections BC will add candidates to their database and then forward the necessary financial forms and instructions to each Candidate. Any questions over this procedure should be directed to Elections BC. Quick access to information may be made from the Elections BC's website at www.elections.bc.ca.
6. Please ensure that the requirements are adhered to regarding the placement of signs in the proximity of a Voting Place set out in the Bylaws of the municipality or *Local Government Act*. Any breach of such requirements will lead to the request of immediate removal of such signs. Failure to remove signs may result in the District of Sooke removing them and charging a fee to return them to you.

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