

PLAN YOUR VOTE

Make your choices before you go

Election day

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Advance voting

October 7, 13, 14 and 15

- Bring a list. You may bring this guide or another candidate list to the voting place.
- Caution: Obvious election material is not allowed in polling stations.
- Choose only candidates you support. You may vote for up to eight councillors, but you do not have to use all eight votes.
- Protect your preferred choices. Adding candidates you are not certain you want can help them compete with the candidates you most want elected.

Voting details

victoria.ca/city-government/elections

Read the candidate profiles.

Make your list and vote.

WE SUPPORT



TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT

Restore community consultation and accountability.



BALANCED GROWTH

Repeal and replace the new OCP.



LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Protect heritage, trees and waterfront.



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Prioritize affordability and tenants rights.



RESPONSIBLE FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Reduce budget and spending.

WHY WE WANT CHANGE

Remove the Gang of Five

We do not recommend Jeremy Caradonna, Matt Dell, Susan Kim, Krista Laughton and Dave Thompson, often called “The Gang of Five”. The Gang of Five tends to vote as a bloc and does not listen to community concerns.

We also do not recommend voting for candidates endorsed or supported by the the Gang of Five. These are Bella Lee and Jack Sandor.

The actions of the Gang of Five on Council resulted in:

- **Less public influence:** Neighbourhood consultation has been reduced and input ignored, while land-use decisions have become more centralized.
- **Growth without balance:** Density has increased beyond need and with little attention to infrastructure, traffic, emergency access and local services.
- **Erosion of neighbourhoods:** Their “One City, One Plan” provides no neighbourhood planning and no protection for heritage, trees or waterfront against increased density.
- **Too little tenant protection:** People displaced by redevelopment receive inadequate relocation support and have no meaningful right of return.
- **Affordability left behind:** More market-priced units do not provide the housing that local renters, families and seniors can afford.
- **Higher costs and weaker accountability:** Residents deserve disciplined budgets, clear performance measures and scrutiny of major spending and Council compensation.

Check incumbent voting records at
<https://votereadyvictoria.ca/>



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YOUR VOTE 2026



TRANSPARENT,
ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNMENT



BALANCED
GROWTH



STRONG
NEIGHBOURHOODS



RESPONSIBLE FISCAL
MANAGEMENT

VOTE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

A grassroots neighbourhood-led movement of residents for a safer better managed and more accountable Victoria city council.

**VOTE FOR CHANGE
ELECT A NEW CITY COUNCIL**

**WE RECOMMEND SIX INDEPENDENT
CANDIDATES**



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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
Candidates we recommend

Six practical voices committed to the issues that matter to James Bay.

MARG GARDINER

James Bay resident and current councillor seeking re-election. Sixteen years of neighbourhood association service.

Community voice • safe streets • liveable neighbourhoods • prudent fiscal management

Marggardiner.ca



WENDY BOWKETT

A business strategist and former Victoria Downtown Residents Association leader

Public trust • transparent ethical governance • livability and affordability • responsible spending

wendybowkett.ca



MELISSA CSESZKO

A Victoria born small business owner.

Accountability • safe streets and public spaces • strengthen local economy • support for local business

melissacseszko.ca



INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
Experience and balance

These candidates are independent. They are not running as a slate.

STEPHEN HAMMOND

Councillor since 2022 seeking re-election. Lawyer and long time community volunteer.

Public safety • housing choices • efficient and effective service

votestephenhammond.ca



ARTHUR MCINNIS

James Bay resident, law professor and former international construction and projects lawyer.

Evidence-based decision making • accountability and public interest • infrastructure-first growth

• public safety

arthurmcinnis.ca



INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
Strong choices

Selected because record and stated priorities best match our neighbourhood concerns.

KAREN ROTHE

A Vic West resident. Experience in public sector and emergency planning.

Resident voices • stronger neighbourhoods • liveability • practical long term planning

karenrothe.ca

