

Choice and Consequence: An overview of the 2025 election and its implications for voters

With the absence of an All Candidates Meeting on Gabriola this year, the *Gabriola Sounder* and Gabriola Talks are hosting an event with Dr. Stewart Prest, Lecturer with the UBC Department of Political Science.

This is open to all members of the public, on Thursday, April 24, from 6:30pm to 8pm.



Dr. Stewart Prest
UBC Lecturer

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We are so accustomed to hearing that a given election is “the most important of our lives,” that the words seem like boiler plate.
And yet, with democracy under pressure around the world, and Canada under pressure from we used to think of as our closest ally, the stakes really do seem higher this time. At the same times, local politics,

issues, and representation matters more than ever. What then is a voter to do? How should one cast a ballot in this election?
Dr. Stewart Prest, Lecturer in Political Science at the University of Political Science, and frequent political commentator, will speak both to the issues shaping the election at a national—and international—level, and how they will affect voters on the ground in Gabriola and the rest of Nanaimo–Ladysmith. He comes with some slides, but please do bring your questions, as much of the time will be reserved for answering the questions you’ve always wanted, or just realized, you wanted to ask.
Dr. Prest teaches political science as a lecturer with the Department of Political Science. He teaches and researches in a variety of areas

of the discipline, ranging from BC politics, to the comparative study of democratic institutions, to international relations and the study of contentious politics. He is a frequent commentator on local, provincial, and federal issues in the media.
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Gabriola Talks



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Rides are

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Monday

April 28th

GABRIOLA

VOTES

Monday, April 28th GERTIE is providing an additional mid-day service, in addition to the regular early morning, and late afternoon service.

You have several options on voting day. **See schedule at gertie.ca for timing.**

We recommend the mid-day service as the best one. The bus that leaves the village stop at 11:35 and gets to the Community Hall at about 11:55. The next bus leaving from there is at 12:50.

Democracy needs you!

Please make sure to vote.

Be visible, and flag GERTIE down.

Your Community Bus

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FEDERAL ELECTION

#ItsOurVote

Have your ID ready to vote

Three options to prove your identity and address

To vote, you must be a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years old on election day.

Option 1

Show one of these pieces of ID

- your driver's licence
- any other card issued by a Canadian government (federal, provincial/territorial or local) with your photo, name and current address

Option 2

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Show two pieces of ID

Both must have your name and at least one must have your current address

Examples:

- voter information card and bank statement
- utility bill and student ID card

Don't have these? No problem!

See the **list of accepted ID for option 2** below

Option 3

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If you don't have ID

You can still vote if you declare your identity and address in writing and have someone who knows you and who is assigned to your polling station vouch for you.

The voucher must be able to prove their identity and address. A person can vouch for only one person (except in long-term care facilities).

From a government or government agency

- band membership card
- birth certificate
- Canadian citizenship card or certificate
- Canadian Forces identity card
- Canadian passport (accepted only as proof of identity)
- card issued by an Inuit local authority

- firearms licence
- government cheque or cheque stub
- government statement of benefits
- health card
- income tax assessment
- Indian status card or temporary confirmation of registration

- library card
- licence or card issued for fishing, trapping or hunting
- liquor identity card
- Métis card
- old age security card
- parolee card
- property tax assessment or evaluation

- public transportation card
- social insurance number card
- vehicle ownership
- Veterans Affairs health care identification card

From Elections Canada

- targeted revision form to residents of long-term care facilities
- voter information card

From an educational institution

- correspondence issued by a school, college or university
- student identity card

From a health care facility or organization

- blood donor card
- CNIB card
- hospital card
- label on a prescription container

- identity bracelet issued by a hospital or long-term care facility
- medical clinic card

From a financial institution

- bank statement
- credit card
- credit card statement
- credit union statement
- debit card
- insurance certificate, policy or statement

- mortgage contract or statement
- pension plan statement
- personal cheque

From a private organization

- employee card
- residential lease or sub-lease
- utility bill (e.g.: electricity; water; telecommunications services including telephone, cable or satellite)

Letters of confirmation

- letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee
- letter of confirmation of residence from a First Nations band or reserve, Inuit local authority or an Alberta Metis Settlement authority
- letter of confirmation of residence, letter of stay, admission form, or statement of

benefits from one of the following designated establishments:

- student residence
- seniors' residence
- long-term care institution
- shelter
- soup kitchen
- a community-based residential facility

Other pieces of ID may be added. We accept e-statements and e-invoices. Print them or show them on a mobile device.

The complete list of accepted ID is available in multiple languages at elections.ca. For other formats, such as braille and audio, call 1-800-463-6868.

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