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Hello Local 114 Members;

There is a BC Provincial Election being called for Saturday October 24th, 2020.

We encourage all our members to vote and a simple and effective way to do this during COVID-19 is to request a Voting Package by Mail. Follow the link below and request a Voting Package online or visit your local district electoral office.

If you are concerned about voting at a busy polling station during the COVID-19 pandemic, you're not alone – but you still have the option of voting from home.

In fact, Elections BC is anticipating about one-third of voters – or approximately 800,000 British Columbians – could choose to vote by mail next month. And that option is available to every registered voter.

"All voters can vote by mail," according to the Elections BC website. "You don't need a special reason."

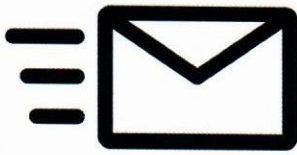
The important thing to remember about voting by mail is that for your ballot to be counted, it has to be returned to Elections BC by 8 p.m. on voting day, which is Oct. 24 this year. That means it's better to request a vote-by-mail package sooner than later.

There are three ways to do so:

- Using the Elections BC website <https://elections.bc.ca/ovr>
- Phoning Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683
- Visiting your local district electoral office

There are also multiple ways to return your ballot. Voters can send them through the mail using a postage-paid envelope that's provided in their voting package, or drop them off in person at a district electoral office, polling station or at participating Service BC locations. (Packages can't be dropped off at Service BC locations in Surrey, Vancouver, Burnaby or Masset.)

Elections BC won't be providing a list of candidates in voting packages until after nominations close on Oct. 2. That means early voters will have to write their chosen candidate's name on their ballot.



2020 PROVINCIAL GENERAL ELECTION

REQUEST YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL PACKAGE

<https://elections.bc.ca/ovr>

You can use this system to

- register to vote
- request a vote-by-mail package, or
- register as a future voter

Elections BC is closely monitoring the Covid-19 pandemic and taking all necessary steps to ensure the next provincial election remains safe and accessible for all voters.

During a pandemic, vote by mail is a good option for voters with underlying health conditions and for voters who do not wish to vote in person at a voting place.

You will need to provide your name, date of birth, address, and one of the following identification numbers:

- your B.C. driver's licence number,
- your B.C. Identification Card number,
- the last six digits of your Social Insurance Number, **or**
- the last six digits of your Personal Health Number.

To request a vote-by-mail package, you will also be asked to provide an email address or telephone number where you can be reached.

To protect voter privacy, you will not be able to look up voter registration information. [View our privacy policy.](#)

What do you want to do?

- [Request a vote-by-mail package](#) and register or update my information.

If you don't know how to find your local candidate for the write-in option please contact the Local and we can direct you to that information.

Call Local 114 at 1.800.841.5911 or 604.524.9457 or visit the Elections BC Website
<https://elections.bc.ca/provincial-elections/provincial-candidates/candidate-list/>