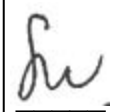


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The District of North Vancouver

REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 21, 2026

AUTHOR: Genevieve Lanz, Chief Election Officer

SUBJECT: **2026 General Local Election – Voting Sites and Accessibility Enhancements**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council direct administration to use the following as voting sites including,

- Argyle Secondary School
- Blueridge Elementary School
- Carisbrooke Elementary School
- Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre
- Norgate Elementary School
- Windsor Secondary School
- Lynn Creek Community Recreation Centre
- Parkgate Community Centre (in a larger space)
- Seycove Secondary School
- Upper Lynn Elementary School
- Ross Road Elementary School
- Highlands Elementary School
- Handsworth Secondary School

In addition to the above locations, a special voting opportunity at Lions Gate Hospital is recommended to occur in this election to provide those who may be in hospital care the opportunity to vote, should they have missed advance and mail voting opportunities

REASON FOR REPORT:

This report seeks Council direction to determine the number of voting sites on General Voting Day for the 2026 general local election (the “election”) in order to lower barriers to accessibility and enhance the voter experience for residents in the District. The 2022 election had a total of 20 voting sites on General Voting Day, located across the District (Attachment 1).

Staff attended the North Shore Accessibility Advisory Committee (NSAAC) meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026, to provide an overview of upcoming election planning and seek feedback from NSAAC on experiences from previous elections, gaps, barriers or areas of focus to consider, and any other comments. Staff provided information on proposed accessibility

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features, which includes reviewing the accessibility of voting locations and polling stations, parking and drop-off locations, providing access details and improved wayfinding.

NSAAC recommendations to enhance accessibility included the provision of two lines for voting at locations, one for people with disabilities or individuals who require an accessibility accommodation, and access to additional chairs and adjustable height seating at voting sites for individuals who may require it.

In addition, feedback following the 2022 election was received about poor accessibility at older schools as voting locations. Upgrades to alternative facilities and proximity of the sites to each other provides an opportunity to shift to newer District community recreation centres with enhanced features such as drop off zones. To ensure sufficient resources are allocated to each voting site without a significant increase to expenditures, staff recommend consolidating some of the voting sites, meaning an enhanced voter experience at fewer locations. Despite lowering the number of sites, it is not anticipated that resident access to voting sites will be impacted. The City of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver are contemplating the number of voting sites as well to enhance accessibility.

Provided below is a table demonstrating the voter turnout per site in the 2022 election. A map showing the location of each voting site is provided as Attachment 1.

Voting Location	2022 Voter Turnout
Argyle Secondary School	1498
Blueridge Elementary School	621
Brooksbank Elementary School	412
Canyon Heights Elementary School	578
Capilano Elementary School	475
Carisbrooke Elementary School	625
Cleveland Elementary School	500
Eastview Elementary School	538
Highlands Elementary School	837
Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre	214
Lynnmour Elementary School	586
Montroyal Elementary School	350
Mountainside Secondary School	549
Norgate Elementary School	371
Parkgate Community Centre	1572
Ross Road Elementary School	735
Seycove Secondary School	713
Sherwood Park Elementary School	420
Upper Lynn Elementary School	665
Windsor Secondary School	633
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Parkgate Community Centre - Advance	883
Mail In	182
Mobile – Lions Gate Hospital	6

The sites with the lowest voter turn out are as follows:

- Brooksbank Elementary School
- Montroyal Elementary School
- Norgate Elementary School
- Sherwood Park Elementary School
- Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre

Staff recommend continuing to use the Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre as a voting site in the upcoming election as it was opened for the first time in 2022, and since that time, residential developments in that area have been occupied. We anticipate the voting site will have higher voter turnout in this election.

Staff recommend using Lynn Creek Community Recreation Centre in place of Lynnmour Elementary School to eliminate the need for both Eastview Elementary School and Brooksbank Elementary School and using Handsworth Secondary School, which has completed renovations and will be available for use, in place of Canyon Heights Elementary School.

Based on the attached map (Attachment 2), the following locations are recommended as voting sites:

- Argyle Secondary School
- Blueridge Elementary School
- Carisbrooke Elementary School
- Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre
- Norgate Elementary School
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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The costs to administer the election have increased from \$260,000 to \$320,000, reflecting inflationary pressures for polling machines and a recent Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) clarification regarding the employment status of election officials. The resulting \$60,000 shortfall will be funded from operating reserves, and the annual amount set aside for future elections will be increased by \$15,000. Staff do not recommend maintaining 20 voting sites as this would further impact budget.

COST SHARING WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Per the *School Act*, the District is responsible for administering the trustee elections in the trustee electoral area. Given that the School District provides schools as voting sites at no cost to the District, historically cost sharing has not been pursued. Additional costs are not anticipated.

CONCLUSION:

This report requests Council direction on consolidating the number of voting sites for the upcoming election in order to reduce barriers to accessibility and enhance the voter experience for residents in the Community.

OPTIONS:

- 1) THAT Council direct administration to use the following as voting sites including,
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- 2) THAT Council provides direction to staff to reuse the twenty voting sites for General Voting Day that were used in the 2022 general location election.
- 3) THAT Council provides direction to staff with an alternate number of voting sites for General Voting Day.

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Respectfully submitted,



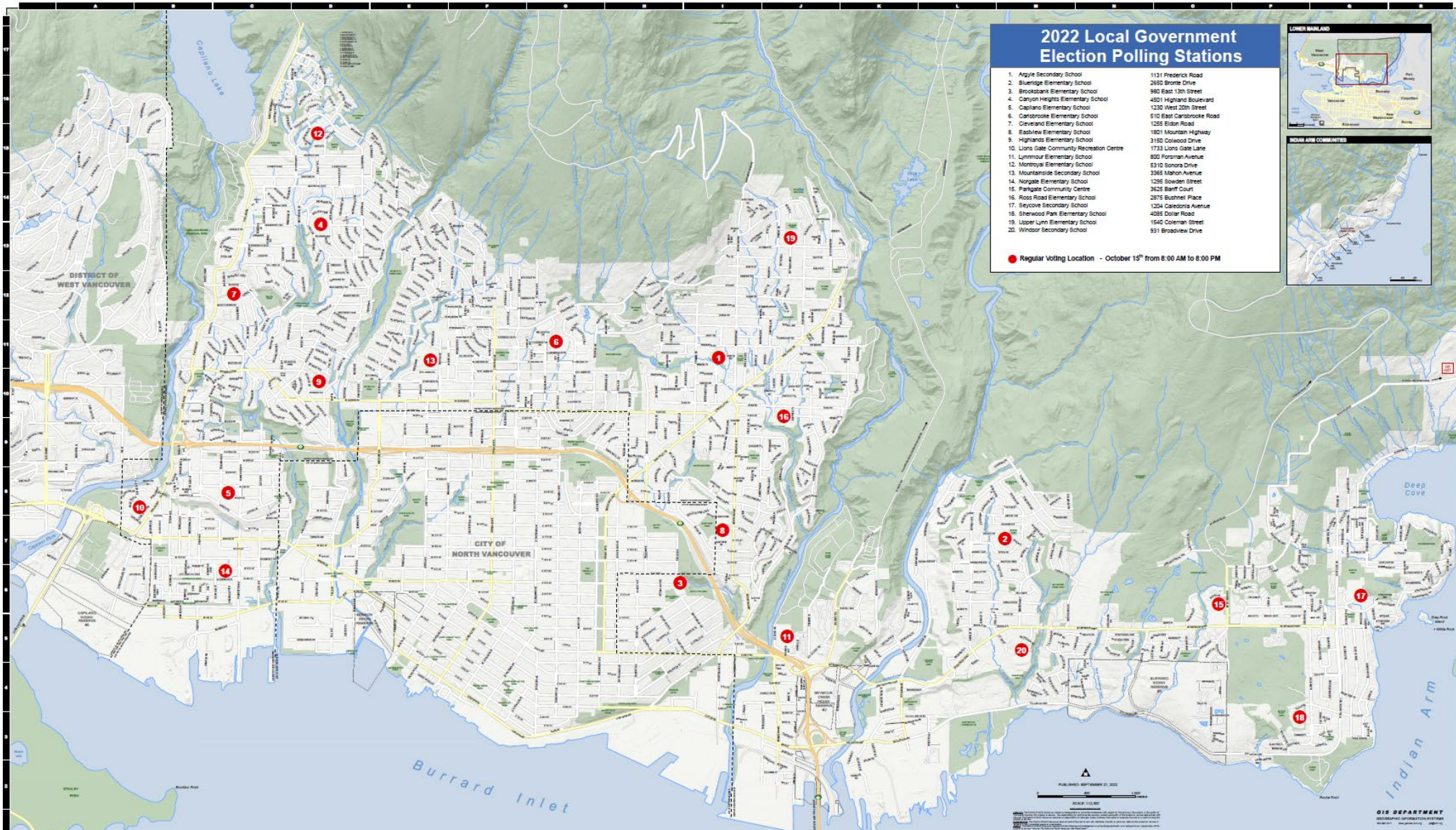
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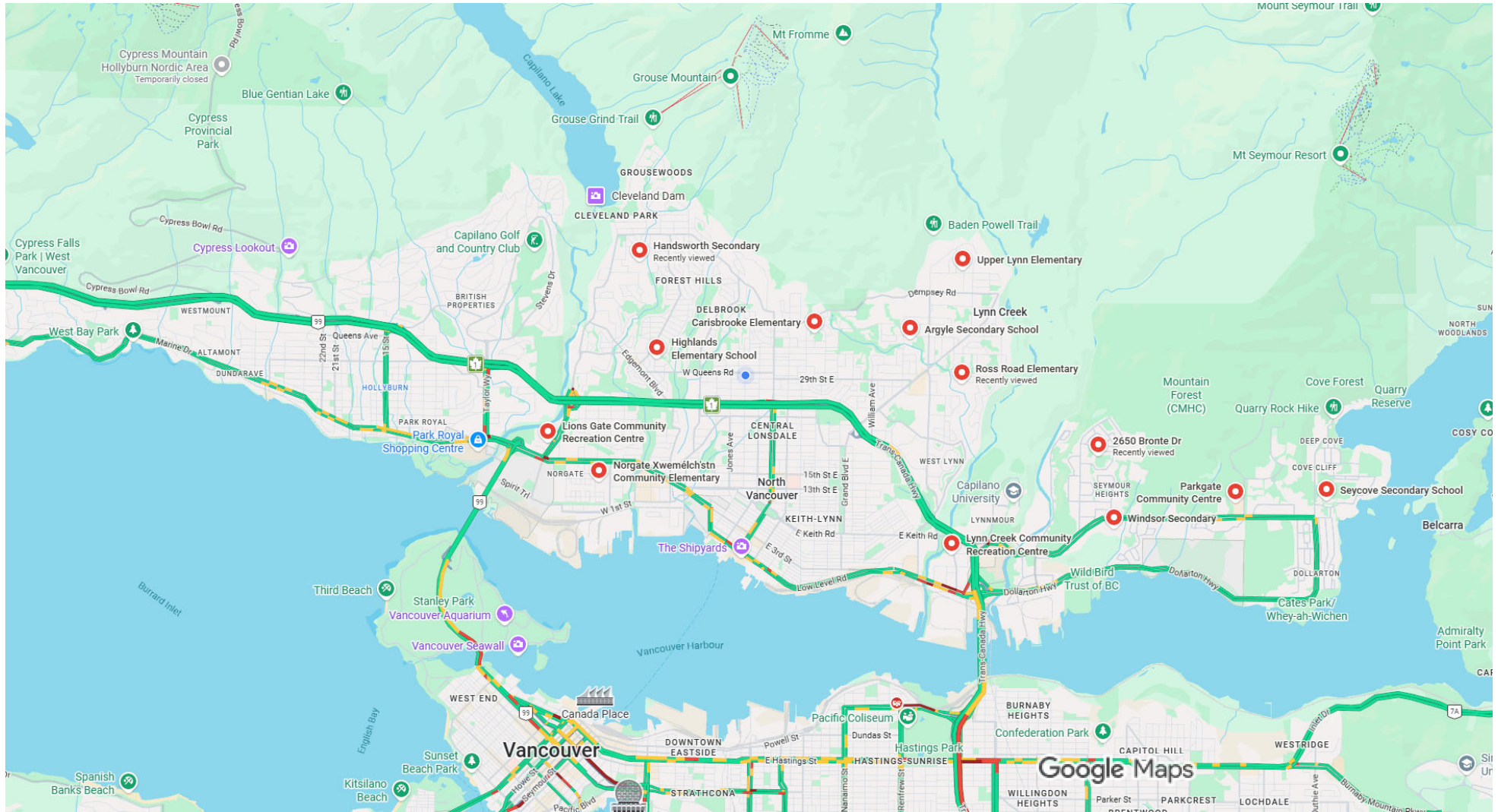
- 1) Map of 2022 General Local Election Voting Sites
- 2) Map of Proposed 2026 General Local Election Voting Sites

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