



## Questions about Election Day in Chestermere

The last day for Chestermere residents to cast their ballots is on Monday, October 16. Throughout the first two days of advance voting, over 1800 residents voted: thank you! We understand that there have been some concerns about the process so we would like to address some of your questions here:

**Will everyone who wants to vote be able to do so?** Yes. The voting station will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Main Hall at the Chestermere Recreation Centre. While the doors will close at 8:00 p.m., if there are still voters in the voting station, everyone present will be able to cast their ballot.

**Will wait times be shorter than advance voting days?** We have been very impressed by the number of residents who came to vote at advance voting days and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding. The average wait time has been between 30 and 45 minutes. We will have more staff, registration tables and voting tabulator machines available on Monday. If you are able to vote during the day, we would recommend it as we believe the busiest time will be between 4 and 8 p.m.

**I am unable to stand for a long period of time. Can you accommodate me?** Yes. Please speak to election staff when you arrive and they can ensure you can be seated while waiting.

**I am bringing my kids with me. Are they allowed in the polling station?** Absolutely. We certainly welcome children to come see the voting process. It is a great example to our future voters.

**What type of identification will you accept?** We need to verify your name and that you live in Chestermere. A driver's licence is the easiest way to do that but there is a list of other acceptable identification at [www.chestermere.ca/election](http://www.chestermere.ca/election).

**How does the registration process work?** You will be asked to complete a legislated declaration that you are eligible to vote. Your name will be entered into a voter registration list to check that you have not already voted and to account for the number of ballots provided. You will receive a ballot with the deputy returning officer's initials on it but the ballot will not identify you in any way. Once you receive your ballot, you can fill it out and then place it into the voting tabulator.

**How do the voting tabulators work?** The tabulator can accept the ballot in any direction face up or down. It will scan your ballot and display a 'Thank You' message once it has tabulated your selections. Your paper ballot is then deposited into a secure ballot box. These would be opened and counted by hand in the event of a recount.

**How can we find out the results?** On the evening of October 16, the Returning Officer will tally the votes cast during advance votes, special ballots and on voting day and post the unofficial results on the door of the voting station. The City will also post the unofficial results on the City of Chestermere website, Facebook page and Twitter accounts. At 12 noon on October 20, the results will be made official.

**I am a Catholic School voter. Can I vote for my trustee on Monday?** The Calgary Catholic School Board does not have agreements in place for joint elections with Chestermere, Cochrane or Airdrie. According to the Calgary Catholic website, on Election Day, voting stations for separate school trustee will be available at each of the local voting stations. Calgary Catholic did not set up advance voting stations for separate school trustee races in Airdrie, Cochrane or Chestermere.

**Other questions?** Email the Returning Officer at [rtofficer@chestermere.ca](mailto:rtofficer@chestermere.ca) or call (587) 830-2842.