



School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)

2018 School Trustee Election

Thank you for considering standing for election to the Kootenay-Columbia School District No. 20 (SD20) Board. Being a School Board Trustee is a challenging and rewarding role. Here are some of the most commonly asked questions:

What exactly does a Trustee do?

The work of each trustee is unique. School trustees are the members of the school district's board of education.

They are locally-elected representatives of the public and they are the community's advocates for public education in their local school district. They are required to carry out their responsibilities in a manner that assists the board in fulfilling its duties under the School Act. A trustee's role is to maintain a focus on student achievement and well-being, and to participate in making decisions that benefit the entire district while representing the interests of their community.

[This document](#) published by the British Columbia School Board Trustee Association provides more detail in to the roles and responsibility of a trustee.

What is the time commitment?

Time commitments vary by trustee and the time of year. Board and committee meeting schedules for the SD20 Board can be found [here](#).

[This document](#) published by the British Columbia School Board Trustee Association provides an example of an annual schedule for one trustee.

How much are Trustees paid?

Trustees receive an annual stipend paid monthly:

- Chair – \$14,729
- Vice Chair – \$12,546
- Trustee – \$11,455

SD20 trustee expenses policy can be found [here](#).

What qualifications do I need?

To be eligible to stand for election to a board of education:

- you must be a Canadian citizen
 - 18 or older on voting day
 - a BC Resident for at least 6 months
- not disqualified under the school act for holding office as a trustee

Trustees come from a wide range of backgrounds and all bring a unique skill set to their work. [This document](#) published by the British Columbia School Board Trustee Association lists some skills and experience that could be potential assets for trustee candidates.

How does the election process work?

- General Voting Day is **October 20, 2018**
- Nomination Period is **Sept 4, 2018 – Sept 14, 2018**

SD20 Electoral Areas are as follows:

Trustee Electoral Area	Number of Trustees
Trustee Electoral Area 1 comprised of Electoral Area I of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (<i>Brilliant, Glade, Pass Creek, Shoreacres, Tarrys, Thrums</i>) and part of Electoral Area J of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (<i>Ootischenia</i>)	One
Trustee Electoral Area 2 comprised of the City of Castlegar and part of Electoral Area J of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (<i>Deer Park, Paulson Highway, Raspberry, Renata, Robson</i>)	Two
Trustee Electoral Area 3 comprised of the Village of Warfield, part of Electoral Area B of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (<i>China Creek, Genelle, Oasis, Rivervale</i>), and part of Electoral Area J of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (<i>Fairview</i>)	One
Trustee Electoral Area 4 comprised of the City of Trail and part of Electoral Area B of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (<i>Casino</i>)	Two
Trustee Electoral Area 5 comprised of the City of Rossland and part of Electoral Area B of the Kootenay Boundary Regional District (<i>Blackjack, Paterson, Sheep Creek, Southbelt</i>)	One
Trustee Electoral Area 6 comprised of the Village of Montrose, the Village of Fruitvale, and Electoral Area A of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (<i>rural areas bordered on the west by the Columbia River, on the south by the Canada/US border, on the north by Champion Lakes Provincial Park and stretches east of the Village of Fruitvale</i>)	Two

Additional Resources:

More information can be found at the following links:

[School Trustee Election Procedures](#)

[Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Local Elections 2018](#)

(includes general information as well as links to all relevant Acts).

[Elections BC](#)

Election Bylaw:

SD20 2018 Election Bylaw – will be available June 2018

Contact Information:

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