



Policy Title	Date	Resolution No.
Eligibility to Vote	March 17, 2022	/22

POLICY STATEMENT:

To provide a clear direction to residents of the Summer Village of Birchcliff on the requirements in determining if a person is eligible to vote in the Summer Village during a municipal election, by-election, or vote of the electors.

DEFINITIONS:

“By-election” means an election to fill a vacancy on a council other than at a general election:

“Elector” means a person who is eligible to vote in the election for a Councillor under the *Local Authorities Election Act*;

“Municipal Election” means an election held to fill vacancies on Council caused by the passage of time, and includes a first election;

“Municipality” means a city, town, village, summer village, municipal district, or specialized municipality;

“Place of Residence” means a parcel of land having at least one building the whole or any part of which was designed or intended for, or is used as, a residence by one person or as a shared residence by two or more persons, whether on a permanent, seasonal, or occasional basis.

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN A SUMMER VILLAGE:

Section 47 of the province of Alberta’s *Local Authorities Election Act* determines who is eligible to vote. A person is eligible to vote in a municipal election if the person:

- a) Is at least 18 years of age;
- b) Is a Canadian citizen
- c) Has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months preceding election day

- d) Is named on a certificate of title as the person who owns property within the summer village;
- e) Is the spouse or adult interdependent partner of a person who owns property with the summer village;
- f) The person's place of residence is located in the municipality on election day.

A person may only vote once in an election even if they are the owner of multiple properties.