

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN)

October 17, 2026

GENERAL SCHOOL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Nominations for the offices of seven (7) School Trustees for:

- Trustee Electoral Area 1 – Okanagan Falls (Area D of RDOS) and Apex Mountain Resort (Area I of RDOS) (1 Trustee)
- Trustee Electoral Area 2 – Town of Oliver and Area C of RDOS (2 Trustees)
- Trustee Electoral Area 3 – Town of Osoyoos and Area A of RDOS (2 Trustees)
- Trustee Electoral Area 4 – Village of Keremeos and Area B and Area G of RDOS (2 Trustees)

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

By hand, mail or other delivery service: Attn: Chief Election Officer or Designate SD53/Okanagan Similkameen School Board Office Box 1770, 6161 Okanagan Street Oliver, BC V0H 1T0	From 9:00 am on September 1, 2026 to 4:00 pm on September 11, 2026
By email to: exec@sd53.bc.ca By fax to: 250-498-4070	From 9:00 am on September 1, 2026 to 4:00 pm on September 11, 2026

Interested persons can obtain information on the requirements and procedures for making nominations, including nomination forms on the District website at <https://www.sd53.bc.ca/2026-school-trustee-elections-october-17-2026> or by visiting the School Board Office in person at 6161 Okanagan Street, Oliver, BC from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a School Trustee if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 17, 2026;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified under the *School Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or being nominated for, being elected to or holding office as a trustee, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Trustee Electoral Area 1 – Okanagan Falls (Area D of RDOS) and Apex Mountain Resort (Area I of RDOS) (1 Trustee)	\$ 6,161.89
Trustee Electoral Area 2 – Town of Oliver and Area C of RDOS (2 Trustees)	\$ 6,383.72
Trustee Electoral Area 3 – Town of Osoyoos and Area A of RDOS (2 Trustees)	\$ 6,161.89
Trustee Electoral Area 4 – Village of Keremeos and Area B and Area G of RDOS (2 Trustees)	\$ 6,161.89

Expense limits are available on the [Elections BC website](#). See LECFA s.63.03 and sections 72 to 74 of B.C. Reg. 281/2021 (Local Election Campaign Financing Regulation).

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local election, the following third-party advertising limits apply:

THIRD PARTY DIRECTED ADVERTISING EXPENSE LIMITS

Trustee Electoral Area 1 – Okanagan Falls (Area D of RDOS) and Apex Mountain Resort (Area I of RDOS) (1 Trustee)	\$ 924.28
Trustee Electoral Area 2 – Town of Oliver and Area C of RDOS (2 Trustees)	\$ 924.28
Trustee Electoral Area 3 – Town of Osoyoos and Area A of RDOS (2 Trustees)	\$ 924.28
Trustee Electoral Area 4 – Village of Keremeos and Area B and Area G of RDOS (2 Trustees)	\$ 924.28

CUMULATIVE THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING EXPENSE LIMIT: \$ 184,856.70

Third party advertising limits are available on the [Elections BC website](#). See LECFA s.41.3(2) and section 16 of B.C. Reg. 281/2021 (Local Elections Campaign Financing Regulation).

For further information on the **nomination process**, please contact Miranda Burdock, Chief Election Officer:

Phone: 250-498-3481

Email: exec@sd53.bc.ca

Website: <https://www.sd53.bc.ca/2026-school-trustee-elections-october-17-2026>

For further information on **campaign expense limits and third-party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC:

Toll-free phone: 1-855-952-0280

Email: lecf@elections.bc.ca

Website: www.elections.bc.ca/lecf

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