



Alberta Elections 2023



Guide to Voting For the Southern Alberta Ridings

Election Day is May 29th, 2023

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Reason for this guide

Voting can be a difficult - you need to get informed on how to vote as well as who all the candidates in your area are. This package was developed by the South Region Self-Advocacy Network Advocacy Committee in efforts to help people to get informed and exercise your right to vote.

Much of the information has been collected by the committee and from the Elections Alberta website. Elections Alberta is an organization that is not connected to any political party and oversees general elections and by-elections for the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

This guide has website links that will help you to know what political parties and the many candidates that are registered with Elections Alberta. You will need access to a computer to get the most up-to-date information for the candidates in your area. You may also want to attend any candidate forums so that you can ask a question or raise an issue that is important to you.



Voting is to express one's first choice for a candidate.

We hope that this guide will help you to have a say in the provincial election for Alberta by getting informed on the political parties, their candidates and the voting process. This is your opportunity to express your choice in a candidate in your area, get out and vote!



Definitions

Candidate – the person that is running in the election as an independent or for a political party



Campaign – Organised actions by individuals and political parties to influence voters' decision-making

Chief Electoral Officer – this person is responsible for the running of elections



Election – the process of picking who you would want to represent you in Edmonton

List of Electors – This is a list of people that are eligible to vote. This list includes the person's name, address and phone number. This list is also used by the candidates to campaign.

Polling Day – the day of the election

Riding – an area in which you live where you would vote. There are 87 ridings in Alberta. The winner of the election in each riding becomes the MLA. (member of Legislative Assembly)

Voting Station – the place where you go to vote



Who can Vote

You can vote in this election if you are:

- You are at least 18 years old
- ordinarily resident in Alberta
- You are a Canadian Citizen

ID Required to Vote

- If your name is not on the list, you can still vote but you must provide identification and complete a declaration. The identification must be a driver's license or an Alberta issued ID card. If you do not have a driver's license or Alberta issued ID card you must provide two pieces of ID approved by the Chief Electoral Officer. Some of these are:
 - AISH card
 - Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Card
 - Birth Certificate
 - Canadian Blood Services Card
 - Canadian Passport
 - Library card
 - Social Insurance Card



For a complete list see Alberta Elections website

www.elections.ab.ca

- You can have your name added to the list of electors. The list of electors means eligible voters. If you need to add your name to the list of electors you can register online using **Voterlink** at www.voterlink.ab.ca at Alberta elections website. You can also phone them at [1-877-422-8683](tel:1-877-422-8683) or by email at info@elections.ab.ca once your information is added it will appear on the list of electors in each election.

Election Day and Hours

Voters will have an opportunity to elect a member of the Legislative Assembly in each electoral division.

Election Day is Monday, May 29th, 2023
9:00 am – 8:00 pm



Advance Voting

You may vote at an advance poll. Advance polls are held from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on the Tuesday to Saturday prior to polling day.

Addresses of advance polls are published in local newspapers and can also be obtained from returning officers or Elections Alberta's website.

Advance Polls are:

- Tuesday, May 23, 2023
- Wednesday, May 24, 2023
- Thursday, May 25, 2023
- Friday, May 26, 2023
- Saturday, May 27, 2023

Do I get time off from work to vote?

There are provisions in the Election Act to ensure that there is sufficient time for eligible voters to vote on polling day and section 132 of the Election Act allows for 3 consecutive hours for the purpose of voting. Polls are open from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Your regular work schedule may already allow for three consecutive hours during the time that the polls are open. If your work day starts at noon, or ends by 5 pm, you have the three hours required by legislation and are not entitled to additional time off.

Where to Vote

- You must vote at the voting station assigned to your area

Voting places are located for where the majority of voters live. To find out where you vote this website link will ask you to put in your home address and will let you know where to vote.

<https://map.elections.ab.ca/LocMethod.aspx?AdvancedPoll=false>



If You Need Help to Vote

Visually Impaired



Templates, magnifiers and large-format ballot poster are available at all polling stations so that the visually impaired are able to mark their ballots independently. Alternative, a friend or election officer may offer assistance.

What if I am in the Hospital on Election Day?

On Election Day, mobile polls go around to hospitals, many supportive living facilities and seniors' lodges so the residents are able to register and vote. You can check with your facility to see if a mobile poll is expected.

Voters Tips

Make sure you understand the material (pamphlets, speeches) that the person running for the position has given to you.

You can have a support person gather and read information to you. Their role is to help you understand what is being said. A staff or any other person should not influence or push you to vote one way or the other. Remember, this is your vote – not anybody else's.

If you don't understand who or what you are voting for you can leave your ballot blank.

It is your right to ask questions or ask for help if you are unsure.

Make sure you find out what each candidate stands for.

Questions to ask:

- Do they have the commitment to do the job?
- Are they responsible?
- How will they help you?
- Why are they running?
- What do they want to achieve?



Political Parties and Leaders in Alberta

The following political parties are the registered parties within Southern Alberta who have candidates to vote for. However not all of the political parties have candidates running for election in all of the Southern Alberta ridings. Look at the Elections Alberta website for up to date information on candidates or go to the political parties' websites.

Political Party	Political Party Leader
Alberta Liberal Party www.albertaliberal.com 	Mr. John Roggeveen
Alberta New Democratic Party www.albertandp.ca 	Ms. Rachel Notley
Alberta Party www.albertaparty.ab.ca 	Mr. Barry Morishita
United Conservative Party https://unitedconservative.ca/ 	Mrs. Danielle Smith
Wildrose Independence Party of Alberta www.wildrosenation.com 	Mr. Jeevan Mangat
The Independence Party of Alberta www.abindependence.com 	No leader at the time of finalizing this guide

Southern Alberta Ridings and Candidates

There are eight (8) ridings in the southern part of Alberta. You will need to know which is your riding to vote. You can go to the elections Alberta Website for more information on your riding and to find out who the candidates are www.elections.ab.ca

Things you can ask the Candidates

SRSAN members met and talked about what was important to them for the election. Here are some questions that you could ask the different candidate.

- Will indexing AISH be enough to keep up with the affordability crisis?
- Seniors with a disability need to receive AISH until they pass on. The medical benefits need to be better especially for seniors. What is your party's stance on better access for seniors especially when they age out of AISH?
- How are budgets going to grow to make sure there are services for people entering the system? Maintaining a current budget without growth is a cut.
- How are you going to make sure PDD will continue funding as per cost of living standards?