



## Exercising the Right to Vote

It is time again to exercise your right to vote! The Federal Election is Monday, October 21, 2019.

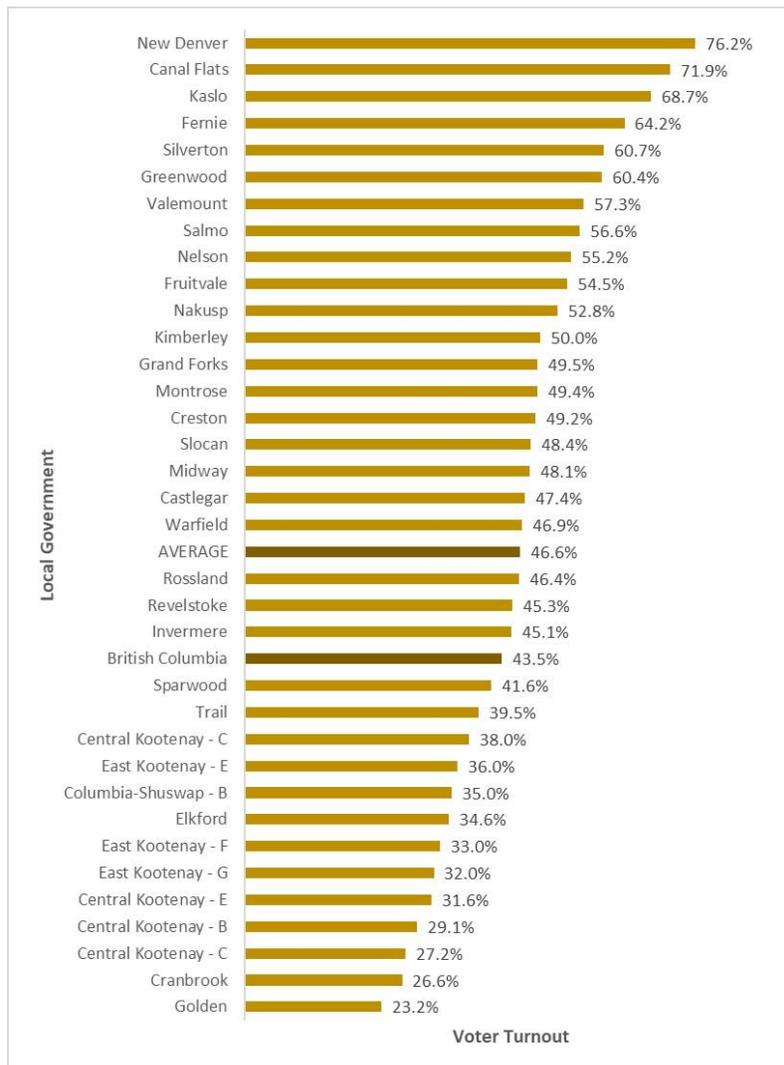
Voting is a valued right enjoyed by Canadian adults. It is a way to exercise our democracy. Our history shows a long and hard battle towards the right for all Canadians to vote (see [Elections Canada History of the Vote](#)). Voter turnout is an indicator of the health of a democracy. Last year's local government elections provided data needed to explore this indicator for our region.

Compiling data from [CivicInfoBC](#) and local governments directly, the 2018 local government elections showed a 46.6% voter turnout for the Columbia Basin-Boundary. This is higher than the provincial voter turnout for municipalities of 43.5%. See the graph below for the voter turnout by local government. Communities not listed in this graph had elected officials acclaimed, therefore no elections were needed. To

compare with previous local government elections, the voter turnout in the Columbia Basin-Boundary was 40.9% in 2014, 44.8% in 2011, and 51.1% in 2008. See the [State of the Basin full report](#) for more information.

The 43rd Canadian General Federal Election is an opportunity to contribute your input on the governance of our nation. To find out more information on your electoral district, including the candidates and where to vote, check out the [Voter Information Service](#) from Elections Canada. Not sure who to vote for? Use the [Vote Compass](#) tool to explore how your views align with the different political parties. Lastly, here is a [voter's checklist](#) to provide a summary of the key information needed to vote.

**On Monday, October 21, please get out and vote!**



## **Columbia Basin Climate Source Webinar**

### **Recording**

Last month the Columbia Basin Trust and Selkirk College's Applied Research and Innovation Centre released the [Columbia Basin Climate Source](#) website. This climate change resource serves communities, businesses and residents in the Columbia Basin-Boundary by providing data about past and future climate, brief explanations about climate science, information on climate impacts, and links to climate resources and actions. To see a recording of the webinar introduction of the Columbia Basin Climate Source, see [this link](#). Registration is required to view the recording.

## **Establishing a Selkirk Technology Access Centre (STAC) – Advanced Manufacturing & Materials**

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) has invited Selkirk College to submit an application for a Technology Access Centre (TAC). Only 10 colleges in Canada have been invited to the full proposal - 6 of the 10 colleges will be funded with the new TACs scheduled to launch Spring 2020.

A TAC is a centre affiliated with a Canadian college that provides access to specialized technology, equipment, and expertise to local industry with the goal of enhancing their productivity and innovation. Currently there are over 30 TACs enabling innovation in Canada from coast to coast. Our application is due by October 18, 2019. If the application is successful, this grant would provide \$1.75 million in funding to help companies to:

- conduct research and development projects focused on company problems,
- offer specialized technical services and advice, and
- provide companies with training related to new types of equipment.

The advanced manufacturing and materials focused Selkirk Technology Access Centre (STAC) will offer a suite of services designed to build the competitiveness of advanced manufacturing and material R&D companies in BC's interior

region. Technical expertise and specialized equipment will be used to advance product design and development, 3D printing and rapid prototyping, material characterization, fitness for service testing, forensic engineering, 3D scanning and reverse engineering, material research and development, and customized training.



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