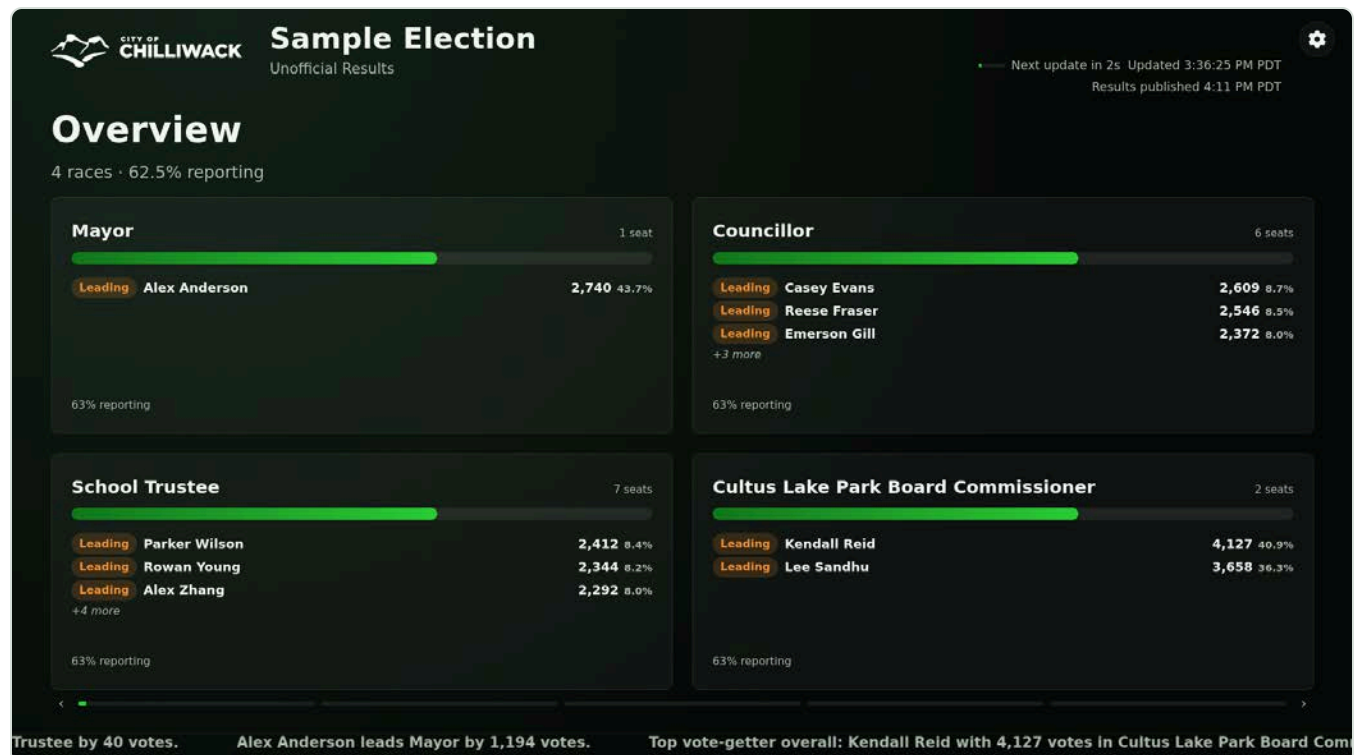


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Election Night Results Display

A guide for candidates: setting up a projector or TV, and following the live results on election night



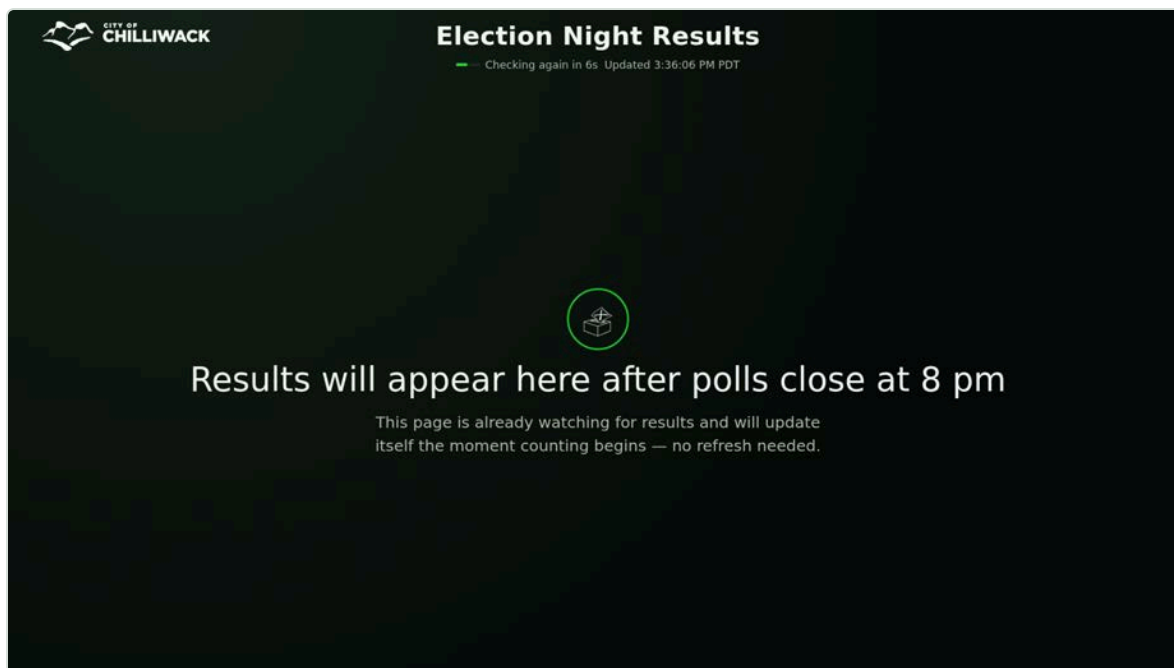
At a glance

The City's **Election Night Results Display** is a free web page that shows the published election results, full screen, and keeps itself up to date. It is designed for a projector or large TV at a campaign event, and also works on a laptop, tablet or phone.

Web address	portal.chilliwack.com/election-night
Also linked from	The election results page on chilliwack.com – look for “Open the full-screen results display”.
Login	None. Anyone can open it; no account or password is needed.
Updates	Automatic, about every 10 seconds. You never need to refresh the page.
Cost	Free. It only needs a web browser and an internet connection.
Results shown	The results the City has published – the same figures as chilliwack.com. They are unofficial on election night.

How it works on the night

Open the page before polls close and leave it running. Until the City publishes the first results it shows a waiting screen, and it checks for results on its own. As soon as results are published they appear, and every later update arrives the same way: the screen changes by itself, and a short countdown in the top right shows when the next check will happen.



Before results are published: the waiting screen. It is already watching for results – no refresh needed.

Before election night: set up and test

Do a full test at your venue a day or two before, with the same computer, cable and screen you will use on the night. The page works the same way before results exist – you will see the waiting screen.

What you need

- **A computer** (laptop or desktop) with a current web browser: Chrome, Edge, Firefox or Safari.
- **A projector or TV** and the right cable for your computer (usually HDMI; many laptops need a USB-C to HDMI adapter).
- **A reliable internet connection.** A wired connection is best; strong venue Wi-Fi is fine. A phone hotspot works as a backup.
- **Power** for the computer – plug it in rather than running on battery all evening.

Set up the screen

- 1 Connect the projector or TV.**
On Windows press **Windows**+**P** and choose *Duplicate* or *Second screen only*. On a Mac use *System Settings* → *Displays*.
- 2 Open the display.**
In the browser go to portal.chilliwack.com/election-night. If the browser asks to restore tabs or show pop-ups, close those first.
- 3 Go full screen.**
Press **F** on the keyboard (or your browser's full-screen key, usually **F11** on Windows). Press **F** or **Esc** to leave full screen.
- 4 Make it yours (optional).**
Press **S** or click the gear in the top-right corner to choose which screens to show, feature your race or yourself, add your own title, and change the text size or colours. See *Settings* later in this guide.
- 5 Stop the screen from sleeping.**
Turn off the screen saver and sleep for the evening (Windows: *Settings* → *System* → *Power*; Mac: *System Settings* → *Lock Screen* and *Battery*), and turn off any “presentation” or “do not disturb” prompts that might pop up.
- 6 Check it from the back of the room.**
If the text is hard to read, raise the *Text scale* in Settings. If the edges are cut off, check your projector's zoom or “fit to screen” option.

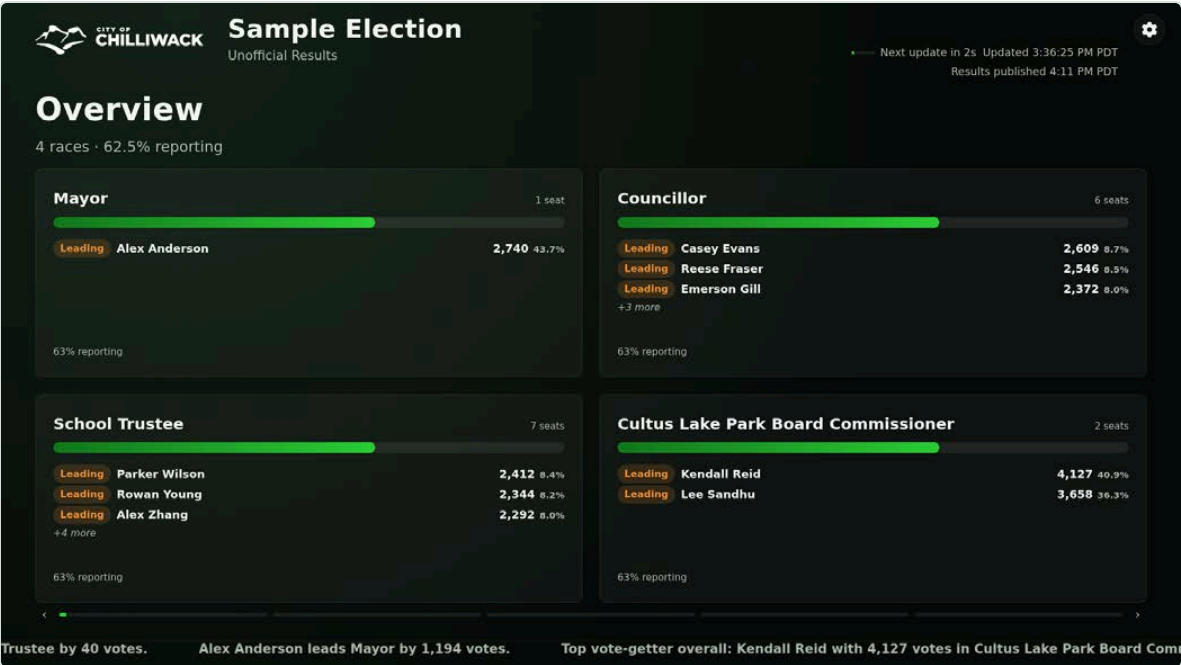
Tip - keep your setup: your settings are saved in that browser on that computer and come back the next time you open the page. To use the same setup on another computer, open Settings and click *Copy link with these settings*, then open that link on the other computer.

What you will see

The display rotates through several screens, about 15 seconds each. A row of segments near the bottom shows which screen is showing; small < > arrows beside it (and the   keys) move back and forward. A ticker along the bottom repeats highlights, and the top right shows when the results were last checked and published.

Overview

Every race on one screen, with the candidates currently in a winning position and how much of the count is in for each race.



Overview: each race with its leading candidates and “% reporting”.

Race standings

One race in full, in order of votes. The **seat line** marks the cut-off: candidates above it are currently in a seat. On the right are the votes, the share of the vote and how far each candidate is above or below the seat line. A race with many candidates is shown in two columns (and, with very large text, across two pages).



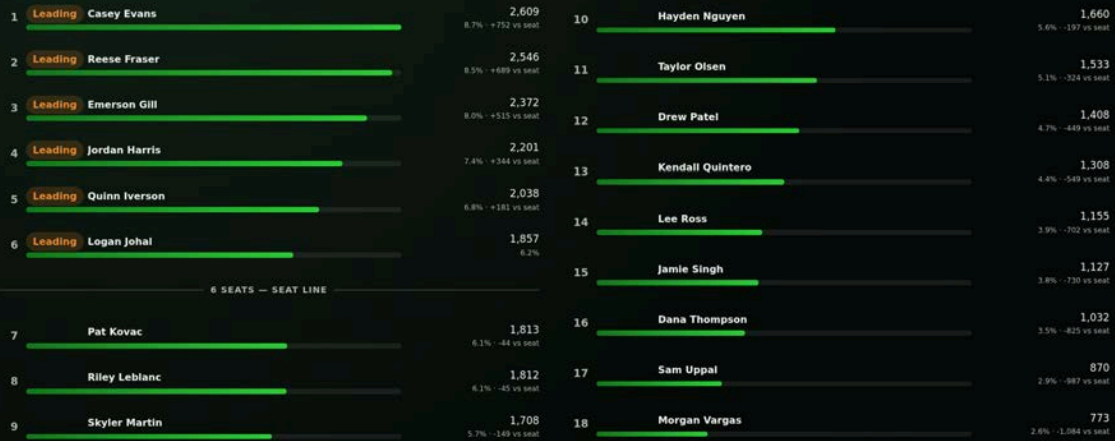
Sample Election

Unofficial Results

Next update in 3s. Updated 3:36:49 PM PDT
Results published 4:11 PM PDT

Councillor

6 seats to elect — 29,822 votes counted



School Trustee by 40 votes. Alex Anderson leads Mayor by 1,194 votes. Top vote-getter overall: Kendall Reid with 4,127 votes in Cultus Lake Park Board

Race standings: all candidates, the seat line, and the gap to the seat line.

Candidate spotlight

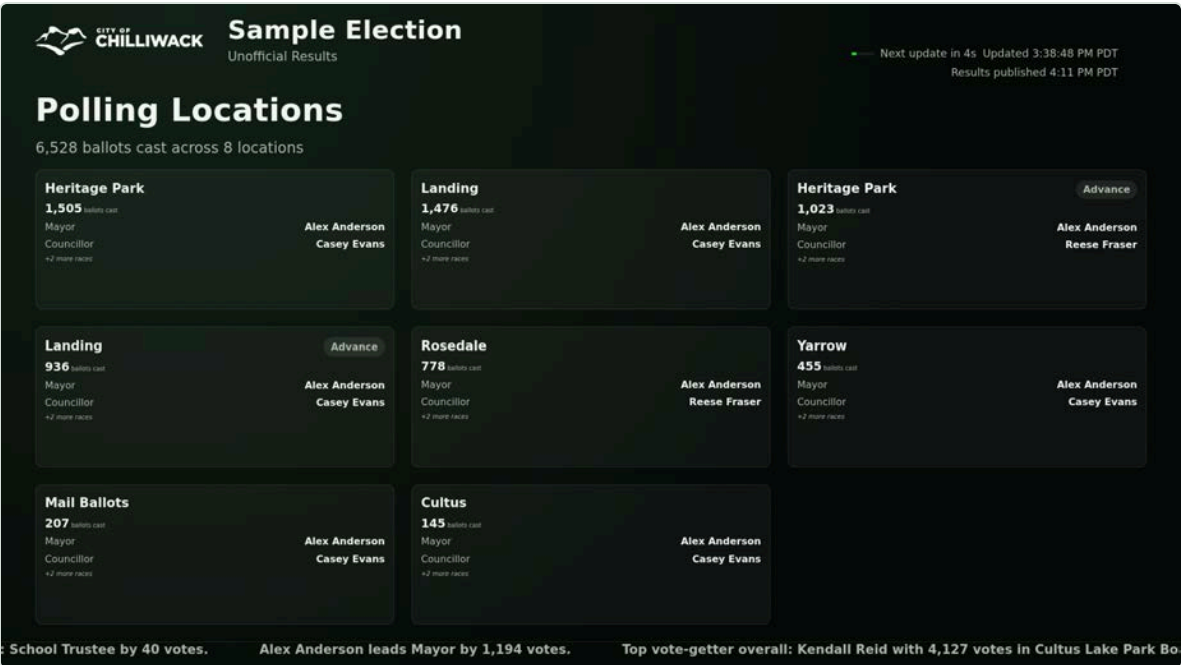
One candidate's night at a glance – status, rank, votes, share, the margin to the candidates just above and below, and results by voting location. Choose the candidate in Settings (*Spotlight candidate*) and add the screen to the rotation. Many campaigns also set a *Custom title* and *subtitle* for their event, as here.



Candidate spotlight with a custom title and subtitle.

Locations

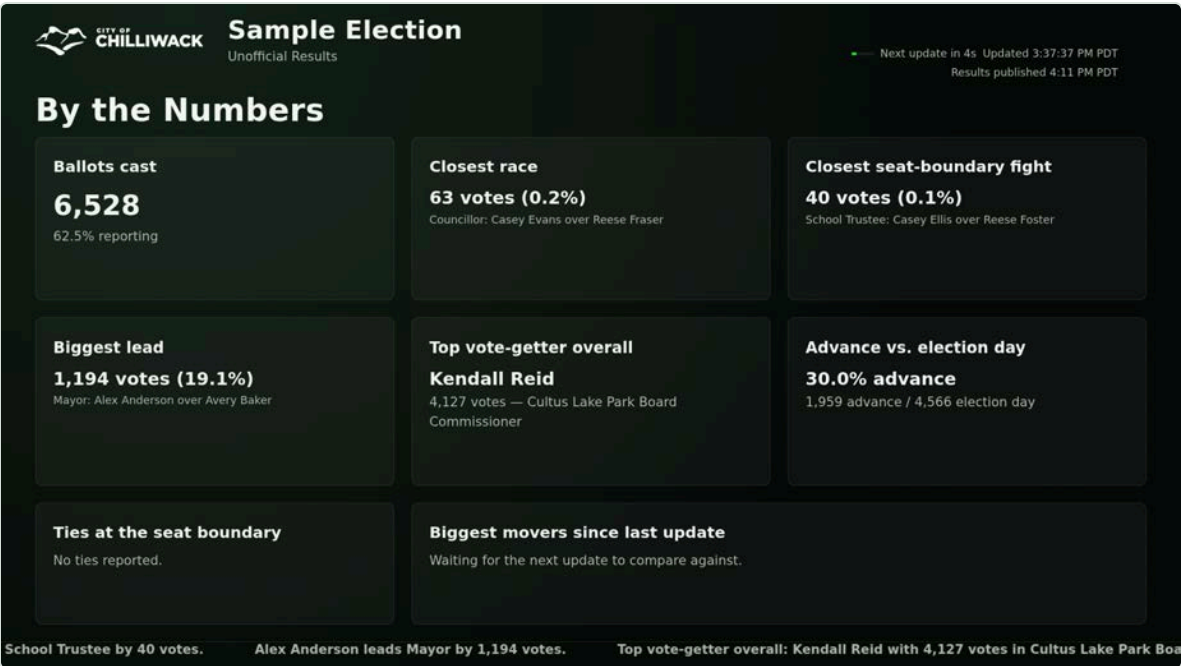
Ballots cast and the leading candidate in each race at every voting location. Advance voting locations are labelled.



Locations: results by voting place.

By the numbers

Highlights from the count so far: ballots cast, the closest race, the closest fight for a last seat, the biggest lead, the top vote-getter, advance versus election-day voting, and the biggest changes since the previous update.



By the numbers: highlights that update as results come in.

Reading the results

You see	What it means
Unofficial Results	The stage the City has published the results under. Election-night results are unofficial; official results follow after the election.
Leading	The candidate is currently in a winning position – within the number of seats for that race – based on the votes counted so far. It can change as more results come in.
Elected	Shown only once the City's elections office has declared the candidate elected. It is never worked out from the vote count, so on election night you will normally see “Leading”, not “Elected”.
Tied	Candidates are tied for the last seat in a race. Under the Local Government Act a tie is not decided by the display or the vote count.
Awaiting results	No votes have been counted for that race yet, so no candidate is shown as ahead.
% reporting	How much of the count is in for that race (voting places or vote-counting machines reporting).
Next update in 8s	When the display will next check for new results. “Updating...” means it is checking now.
Results published ...	When the City last published updated results. Figures only change when the City publishes.

Controls

Do this	To
[F]	Turn full screen on or off.
[S] or the gear (top right)	Open Settings. [Esc] closes them.
[←] [→] or the < > arrows	Go to the previous or next screen.
[Space]	Pause or resume the rotation, e.g. to hold your race on screen.
Move the mouse	Show the gear and arrows. They fade away again when the mouse is still, so the projected screen stays clean.

Settings

Press **[S]** or click the gear. Changes apply straight away and are remembered in that browser.

Display settings

Screens (in play order)

☒ Overview

☒ Race standings

☒ Locations

☒ By the numbers

☐ Candidate spotlight

Dwell time: 15s per screen

Refresh every 10s (minimum 5s)

Focus race(s) (blank = all races)

☐ Mayor

☐ Councillor

☐ School Trustee

☐ Cultus Lake Park Board Commissioner

Spotlight candidate

None

Theme

Dark (projector default)

Name format

Given Surname

Text scale: 1.00x

Show ticker

Show insights screen

Show percentages

Show next-update countdown

Show City logo

Custom title

e.g. Jordan Lee for Council

Custom subtitle

e.g. Election Night Headquarters

Election id (blank = current election)

blank = current

The Settings panel.

Setting	What it does
Screens (in play order)	Tick the screens to show and use the arrows to change their order. Add <i>Candidate spotlight</i> to feature one candidate.
Dwell time	How long each screen stays up (15 seconds by default).
Refresh every	How often to check for new results (10 seconds by default). There is no need to lower it.
Focus race(s)	Show only the races you tick – for example just <i>Councillor</i> . Leave all unticked for every race.
Spotlight candidate	The candidate featured on the Candidate spotlight screen.
Theme	<i>Dark</i> suits most projectors and darkened rooms; <i>Light</i> suits bright rooms and TVs; <i>High contrast</i> gives the boldest text.
Name format	Show names as “Given Surname” or as printed on the ballot.
Text scale	Make all text larger or smaller (0.75× to 1.75×). Use this if the screen is hard to read from the back of the room.
Show ticker, insights, percentages, countdown, City logo	Turn each of these on or off.
Custom title / subtitle	Replace the heading with your own, e.g. your name and race, and your event name.
Election id	Leave blank. Blank always shows the current election.
Copy link with these settings	Copies a web address that opens the display with your exact setup – handy for a second screen or a volunteer's laptop.

On a phone or tablet

The same address works on a phone or tablet, so you and your volunteers can follow along anywhere.

- The page scrolls, with every candidate listed.
- A bar along the bottom moves between screens: tap < or >, or tap the screen name in the middle to pick one. You can also swipe left or right.
- The screens do not rotate on their own on a phone, so the page will not move while you are reading.
- The gear in the top-right corner opens the same Settings.



If something goes wrong

You see	What to do
“Results will appear here after polls close”	Nothing has been published yet. Leave the page open; results will appear by themselves.
“Reconnecting - retrying in 12s”	The internet connection dropped for a moment. The last results stay on screen and the display reconnects on its own. If it lasts more than a minute or two, check the computer's internet connection.
Numbers have not changed for a while	Check the “Updated” time in the top right. If it is current, the City simply has not published new figures yet. If it has stopped, refresh the page (F5, or Ctrl/⌘ + R) – your settings are kept.
Text too small or too large	Settings → <i>Text scale</i> .
Picture cut off at the edges	Use the projector's “fit to screen”/zoom setting, or set the computer's display resolution to match the projector.
Screen went black	The computer went to sleep. Wake it, turn off sleep and the screen saver, and plug in the power.
Showing the wrong race or candidate	Check <i>Focus race(s)</i> and <i>Spotlight candidate</i> in Settings, or use the < > arrows.

Please remember: the display shows the City's published, **unofficial** election-night results. A candidate is only shown as **Elected** once the City's elections office has declared it. For questions about the election or the results, contact the City of Chilliwack Elections Office.

Screens in this guide use a sample election with made-up candidate names and figures. Times and numbers on your screen will differ.