

Getting Help

To access this guide in the B.C. Electoral District Explorer, click the Help tool under the I Want to... Menu (top right of application window) and the Help will open in a new browser window.

Questions?

Questions and issues with the B.C. Electoral District Explorer can be directed to the geography department at Elections BC:

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Identifying Features

On the 'Home' tab, click on the Identify tool to search the layers on the map to determine a list of features and provide additional information on specific features.

Instead of using the Search box to generate results, an identity area is defined on the map by drawing a shape.

Before you draw your shape, you can:

- click **Enable buffering** to add a buffer of any distance to select identified features from
- click **Identifiable Layers** to choose which layers to identify features from



The identify results will be displayed in the Results List window in the Information Panel.

Results List

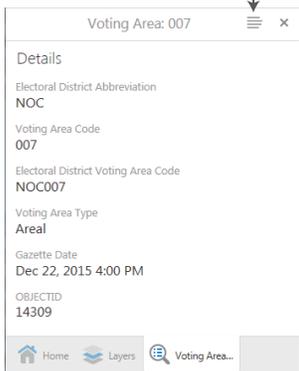
Click the Map Icon or the Feature Name to zoom to a feature.



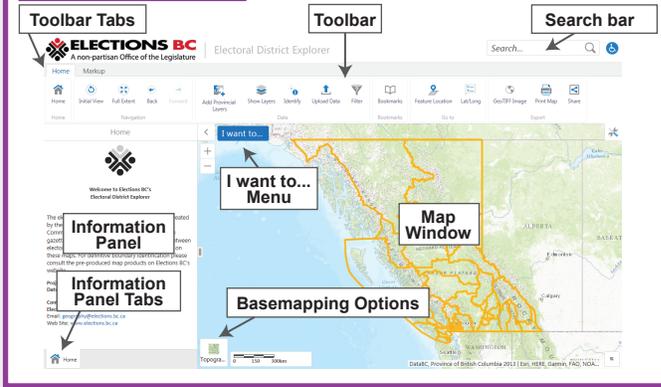
Feature Details

In the Feature Details window, you can view additional attributes about a feature.

You can also view the feature in expanded view, view buffer options, zoom or pan to the feature, or remove the feature from the results by clicking the Panel Actions Menu.



BCEDE Interface

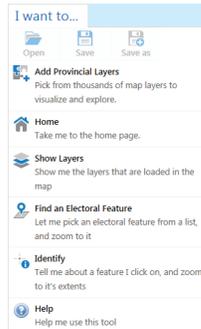


I want to... Menu

The I want to... Menu is found at the top left of the BCEDE Map Window. This menu provides shortcuts to several of the most commonly used tools.

I want to... Menu options include:

- Add Provincial Layers to the map.
- Show the Home Page in the Information Panel.
- Show the Layers loaded into the map in the Information Panel.
- Find an Electoral Feature.
- Identify a feature on the map.
- Open this Help file.



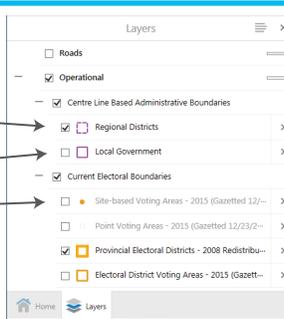
Map Layers

Click the Show Layers tool on the Home tools tab to open the layer list in the Information Panel.

Layer On - Click box to turn layer off.

Layer Off - Click box to turn layer on.

Unavailable Layers - Unavailable layers are shown as grey text. If an unavailable layer checkbox is checked, once you zoom to the visible extent, the layer will turn on.

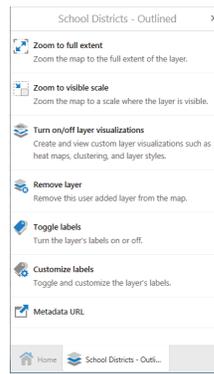


Layer Actions

Click the Layer Actions icon next to a layer in the layer list to customize the display settings for a specific layer on the map.

Actions include:

- Zoom the map to the full extent for a layer.
- Zoom the map to the visible scale for a layer.
- Toggle visualizations on or off and customize Line, Fill and Marker styles for a layer.
- Instantly remove a layer from the layer list.
- Toggle the labels for a layer on or off.
- Customize the labels for a layer.
- View metadata for a layer.

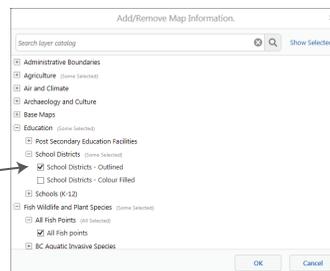


Adding Provincial Layers

Click Add Provincial Layers to open the Add/Remove Map Information window.

Search for a map from the DataBC catalog with the Search bar or click on categories to browse.

Click the boxes to select map layers to add. Added layers will appear in the layer list.

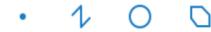


Home Tools Tab

- Home** - Bring up the home screen in the Information Panel.
- Initial View** - Zoom to the map's initial view.
- Full Extent** - Zoom to the extent of the province of B.C.
- Back** - Zoom to the map's previous extent.
- Forward** - Zoom to the map's next extent.
- Add Provincial Layers** - Pick from thousands of B.C. map layers to visualize and explore.
- Show Layers** - Show the layer list in the Information Panel.
- Identify** - Find out about a location on the map.
- Upload Data** - Upload layers from your computer onto the map.
- Filter** - Show simple filter builder.
- Bookmarks** - Open the Bookmarks view.
- Feature Location** - Zoom to the location of an electoral district, voting area or site-based voting area.
- Lat/Long** - Zooms to a Lat/Long entered in the Information Panel.
- GeoTIFF Image** - Create a georeferenced Tiff image.
- Print Map** - Create a printed map based on standard paper sizes.
- Share** - Share the current map on social media.

Markup Tools Tab

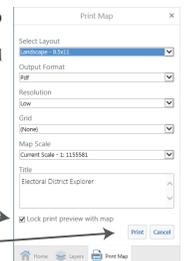
Drawing Tools - Click any of the draw shape options to draw the markup on the map. Symbolology for markups can be customized. Double click to end multipoint markups.



- Text** - Click to add text to the map. The ellipses can be clicked to add a feature label to the map.
- Styles** - Choose styling for the currently selected drawing tool.
- Edit** - Edit an existing drawing.
- Erase** - Erase an existing drawing.
- Clear All** - Clear all drawings and text from the map.
- Add a Grid** - Add a grid to the map. Specify the number of rows and columns in the information panel.
- Clear Grid** - Clear a grid from the map.

Printing Maps

1. Click on the Print Map tool to open the Print Map dialogue in the Information Panel.
2. Customize the Layout, Format, Resolution, Grid, Scale and Title for the map.
3. The print preview box identifies the print area. Click the box to unlock and adjust the print area.
4. Click Print. Your map will automatically open in a new browser tab.



Exporting Maps

Export to GeoTIFF - Create an image of the Map Window in GeoTiff format. This will include georeferenced data that can be used to import the image into a GIS program.

1. Click on the URL generated in the Information Panel.
2. When prompted by your browser, Open or Save the image.

