

2018 Election Overview

Council - March 27, 2018

Ron Taylor, CAO

Cathie Ritchie, Clerk



New – Bill 68

- Nomination begins May 1st
- Nominations endorsed by 25 persons accompanied by a prescribed declaration by each person
- Rules regarding 3rd Party Advertising
- Term of Council ends November 14, 2022

Key Dates & Schedules

- City website currently contains election information
- Voterlookup.ca Launched – March 12th
- Launch of new City Election Webpage – by May 1st
- Nomination Period May 1st to July 27th (closes at 2 p.m.)
- 3rd Part Advertising register May 1st (closes October 19th)
- Preliminary List of Electors release (July 31st or August 21st)
- Lame Duck Period formally commences after 2:00 p.m. at the end of the Nomination Period (July 27)
- Voting Period Friday, October 12th (12:01 a.m.) to Monday, October 22nd (8 p.m.)
- No advance polls or proxy voting

Staff Resources

- Returning Officer – Cathie Ritchie
- Deputy Returning Officer – Joel Watts
- Election Administrator – to be recruited (temporary contract position) located at Main Election Service Desk – City Hall
- Election Assistants – to be assigned (existing staff)
- Trained Staff/Resources – at select Customer Service Centers and Libraries (these will not be polling stations)

Tools & Resources

- MPAC VoterLookUp.ca
 - confirm or update their electoral information
 - add an elector name to an address
 - change school support
 - information needed to create Preliminary List of Electors (PLE)
- Data Fix – Voter View
 - Online Voter Service & Registration
 - Candidate Access Portal
- Dominion Voting – Internet/Telephone Voting
- Notices/PINs – mailed through Canada Post
- Website – information, schedules and updates, how to video
- Trained Election Staff
 - City Hall
 - Libraries & Service Centres



Website – Election Page

- Homepage direct access
- Voters – eligibility, voters list link, voting method
- Candidates – eligibility, registering, key dates, responsibilities
- School Boards – links to information
- General Information & Resources
 - 3rd Part Advertising register May 1 closes October 19
 - 2018 Ward Map
 - FAQ

Policies, Procedures, Plans & Legislation

- Election Procedural Manual
- Municipal Affairs Candidate Guide
- Candidate's Guide
- Accessible Election Plan
- Elections Sign By-law
- Elections Act
- Municipal Act
- Forms

New 3rd Party Advertising

Definition

- In any broadcast, print, electronic or other medium for the purpose of promoting, supporting or opposing a candidate in the election;
- is any individual, corporation or trade union that causes an election campaign advertisement to appear.

Eligibility

- An individual who is normally resident in Ontario
- A corporation that carries on business in Ontario
- A trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario

How to Register

- Your registration must be filed in person or by an agent at the Clerk's Office beginning May 1 to October 19, 2018

Information Sessions & Outreach

- Candidates
 - Panel (Subject Matter Experts & Municipal Affairs)
- Electors
 - Inclusion and Corrections on the Voters Lists
 - Internet and Telephone Voting
- Retirement & Long-term Care Homes
 - Offering assistance and support

Next Steps

- Promoting VoterLookUp.ca
- Creating webpage and content
- Developing manuals & forms
- Municipal Affairs to release Candidate Guide
confirm release of Form 1 (Nomination Paper)
- Communications strategy
- Recruit and training election staff
- Feedback Process to improve processes

Questions?