

Election Day is

October 24

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# 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Candidate Information Session

April 19, 2022

# Our Conversation Today:

- 2022 Municipal Election Overview
- City of Hamilton Presentation
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Presentation
- Question and Answer Period

# Municipal Election

On October 24, 2022, Hamilton voters will elect these offices:

Mayor

15 City Councillors

11 English Public School Board Trustees

9 English Separate School Board Trustees

1 French Public School Board Trustee

1 French Separate School Board Trustee

# Role of the Clerk

The City Clerk is responsible for administering the election, including developing policies and procedures that are necessary to conduct an election in a manner that reflects the principles of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) and its Regulations.

- (a) the secrecy and confidentiality of the voting process is paramount;
- (b) the election shall be fair and non-biased;
- (c) the election shall be accessible to the voters;
- (d) the integrity of the voting process shall be maintained throughout the election;
- (e) there is to be certainty that the results of the election reflect the votes cast;
- (f) voters and candidates shall be treated fairly and consistently; and
- (g) the proper majority vote governs by ensuring that valid votes are counted and invalid votes are rejected so far as reasonably possible

# Elections Team: What We Do

Plan and Deliver the Election, including:

- Ensuring alignment with the MEA
- Maintaining security and integrity of the system
- Recommending and administering Voting Methods
- Securing equipment and supplies
- Assessing and Securing Poll Locations
- Developing Procedures and Policies
- Hiring and Training of Poll Staff
- Communication
- Resource development
- Voter's List & Voter's Cards
- Certifying nominations
- Ordering and verifying ballots

# Elections Team: What We Don't Do

## The Elections Team Does Not:

- Provide interpretation on legislation as it pertains to candidates or third parties
- Provide campaign advice or direction
- Share information on behalf of candidates or third parties
- Host debates
- Give advice on Finance and expenditures
- Contravene the Municipal Elections Act/Make Exceptions

# Key Information for 2022



# Nomination Package

Nominations must include these completed documents:

- Nomination Form - Form One
- Endorsement of Nomination - Form Two (Council Only)
- Declaration of Qualification – Council, School Board
- Release of Candidate Information Consent Form
- Request and Oath for Voter's List (if desired)
- Ballot Name and Name Pronunciation Form

Nominations must also include:

- Nomination filing fee
  - \$200 for candidates running for mayor and \$100 for councillor or school board trustee candidates
- Proof of Identification

# Nomination Submission Process

## **Nomination Packages must be Submitted in Person**

- Appointments must be made to file nominations between May 2, 2022 to August 18, 2022.
  - To book an appointment:  
Email: [elections@hamilton.ca](mailto:elections@hamilton.ca)  
Phone: 905-546-2424 ext. 4408
  
- Candidates who wish to file a nomination on Nomination day, August 19, 2022, do not require an appointment
  - Nomination packages will be accepted at City Hall from 9 am to 2 pm
  - Packages from candidates who arrive after 2 pm on Nomination day will not be accepted

# Candidate Information



- [www.hamilton.ca/elections](http://www.hamilton.ca/elections)
- Candidate Portal

# Candidate Portal

All information for Candidates will be on the Candidate Portal, including:

- By-laws
- Forms
- Guides
- Policies and procedures
- Ward maps
- Voter's Lists
- Resources
- Links

Please note:

- We are going paperless for 2022.
- If you require accommodation, please reach out to [elections@hamilton.ca](mailto:elections@hamilton.ca) or call 905-546-2424 x4408

## **By-Law Updated in 2022**

- Removed from the broader sign By-law as a schedule
- Modernized & Updated
- Aligned with Municipal Elections Act Third Party Sign Requirements
- Clarified election signs on City Property
- Addressed new mediums
- Clarification on where signs can be placed on private property

## **Key Considerations**

- Election signs cannot be placed until 28 Days before voting day - September 26, 2022
- Election Signs must be removed within 72 hours of 11:59pm on Election Night – October 27, 2022, at 11:59pm all signs must be removed

# New for 2022

- Paperless
- E-poll Books & Electronic Strike-Off
- Special Vote by Mail
- Vote Anywhere Pilot

# COVID Considerations

- We will be following all COVID precautions as set by Hamilton Public Health and the Province throughout the election period
- We would encourage you to also follow latest health protocols as you engage in campaign activities
- For up-to-date information, please see:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus>

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

# Questions?

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## Q&A SESSION

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