



Appendix A: Appointment of Scrutineer Form

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER
Municipal Election 2026
 Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 16 (1))

Name of nominated candidate	For the office of
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I hereby appoint _____ as a scrutineer to represent me in the City of Hamilton 2026 Municipal Election.

 (Signature of nominated candidate)

 (Date)

APPOINTMENT:

Scrutineers must show their written appointment and personal identification to election officials on arrival at the voting place and take the “*Oath of Secrecy*”. Only one scrutineer per candidate may be at each voting place for each ballot box in use at the voting place. Candidates who enter the voting place are considered to be scrutineers and must present identification to the election official.

RIGHTS:

Candidates and scrutineers have a number of rights, including the following:

- to enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens and to inspect (but not touch) the ballot boxes, the ballots and all other election documents but not so as to delay the opening of the voting place;
- to object to an elector voting (objection to be decided by the election official); and
- to sign the statement of the results of an election.

The City will be using vote-counting equipment to tabulate the votes. Please note that scrutineers will not be permitted to view the face of the ballots as they are being fed into the vote tabulators or to view the touch screens in order to protect the secrecy of the vote.

PROHIBITIONS:

Scrutineers and candidates are prohibited from the following:

- campaigning at the voting place;
- attempting, directly or indirectly, to interfere with how an elector votes;
- displaying a candidate’s election material (including buttons, pins, etc.) in a voting place;
- compromising the secrecy of voting;
- obtaining or attempting to obtain, in a voting place, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted; and
- communicating any information obtained at a voting place about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- use of a cell phone within the voting location.

Election officials have the right to remove from the voting place any individual who is causing a disturbance or interfering with the process. Candidates and scrutineers forfeit their right to be present if they disrupt the voting place.