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
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
    - 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 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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THANK YOU
Q&A SESSION

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