September Bulletin for Candidates

Updates and other useful information for candidates as we get closer to election day.

Ward Maps, Voting Places, and New Info Coming To MyCampaign

Ward maps and a list of voting places were made available through <u>MyCampaign</u> on September 1st, and are also available on the <u>City website</u>.

Changes do get made to voting locations and subdivisions, so please remember to regularly check these links. The list of voting places has been updated in MyCampaign, and updated maps will be available in MyCampaign and the website on September 26th.

New information will also be added to MyCampaign in the coming weeks:

- Final Spending Limit Certificates September 23rd
- Updated Ward Maps September 26th
- Sample Ballots October 3rd
- Number of scrutineers allowed in each voting place October 3rd

Voters' List – Interim List of Changes & Updated Street Index

Starting on September 23rd, you can download a copy of the Interim List of Changes to the voters' list through the <u>Candidate Access portal</u>. This version of the voters' list contains additions and changes made to the voters' list up to September 15th.

Changes have also been made to the street index, so please make sure to download a new version from Candidate Access.

Are You on the Voters' List?

The City of Toronto's <u>MyVote</u> tool can be used to check if you are on the voters' list and are listed with the correct school support. If you are not showing on the list, or if the information is not correct, you can add your name or change your details until 4:30 p.m. on September 23rd.

After September 23rd, the ability to add/change your details will no longer be available through MyVote. You will be able to do this at a voting location when you go to vote.

Voter Information Cards

Electors will begin to receive their Voter Information Cards in early October. Any person who is on the voters' list by September 19th will receive their card in the mail. Beginning on October 3rd, electors can use <u>MyVote</u> to input their address to find their voting location(s) and, if they are on the voters' list, print their Voter Information Card.

If you or electors that you are talking to have questions relating to voting options or eligibility, please email <u>elections@toronto.ca</u> or call 416-338-1111.

Use of City Resources during an Election Period Policy

The City of Toronto's <u>Use of City Resources during an Election Period Policy</u> provides direction on how City resources can and cannot be used during the municipal election.

Candidates are allowed to hand out campaign materials on public right of way sidewalks and thoroughfares, during all-candidate meetings, at public parks and at the following city squares: Nathan Phillips Square, Mel Lastman Square, Albert Campbell Square and David Pecaut Square.

However, please be aware that the Policy outlines rules while campaigning in these locations:

1.1 City facilities and City infrastructure may not be used for any election-related purpose by a candidate, registered third party advertiser or political party. In particular, signs may not be erected or displayed on or adjacent to a City park or facility that is owned or operated by the City, in accordance with Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 693, Signs, Article II, Election Signs.

1.2 No permits, licenses, leases or any other agreement for the use of City facilities, including civic squares and parks, will be issued to promote, support or oppose a particular candidate, registered third party advertiser or political party.

1.7 Informal media scrums are permitted in the public or common areas at Toronto City Hall, Metro Hall, civic centres and at the following City managed public squares: Nathan Phillips Square, Mel Lastman Square, Albert Campbell Square and David Pecaut Square.

Informal media scrums may not include: apparatus, mechanisms or devices for the amplification of the human voice or any sounds. The activity may not disrupt regular City business. If the media scrum is disrupting City services, City staff may ask the participants to find an alternative location.

Please also be reminded that City of Toronto logos, crests, and slogans may not be used in any campaign materials, including your website or social media. Candidates also cannot post photographs of themselves with City employees in uniform.

Election Signs

Election signs cannot be displayed until Thursday, September 29th. More information on sign rules and requirements can be found on the <u>Election Signs webpage</u> and in the <u>Election Sign Placement Guidelines</u> document.

If you have questions about election sign rules, call 416-392-4125 or email <u>ElectionSigns@toronto.ca</u>. To report improper election signs, call 311.