



2026 Toronto Municipal Election Media Technical Briefing

How to Access Election Night Results

September 16, 2026

Virtual Meeting

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

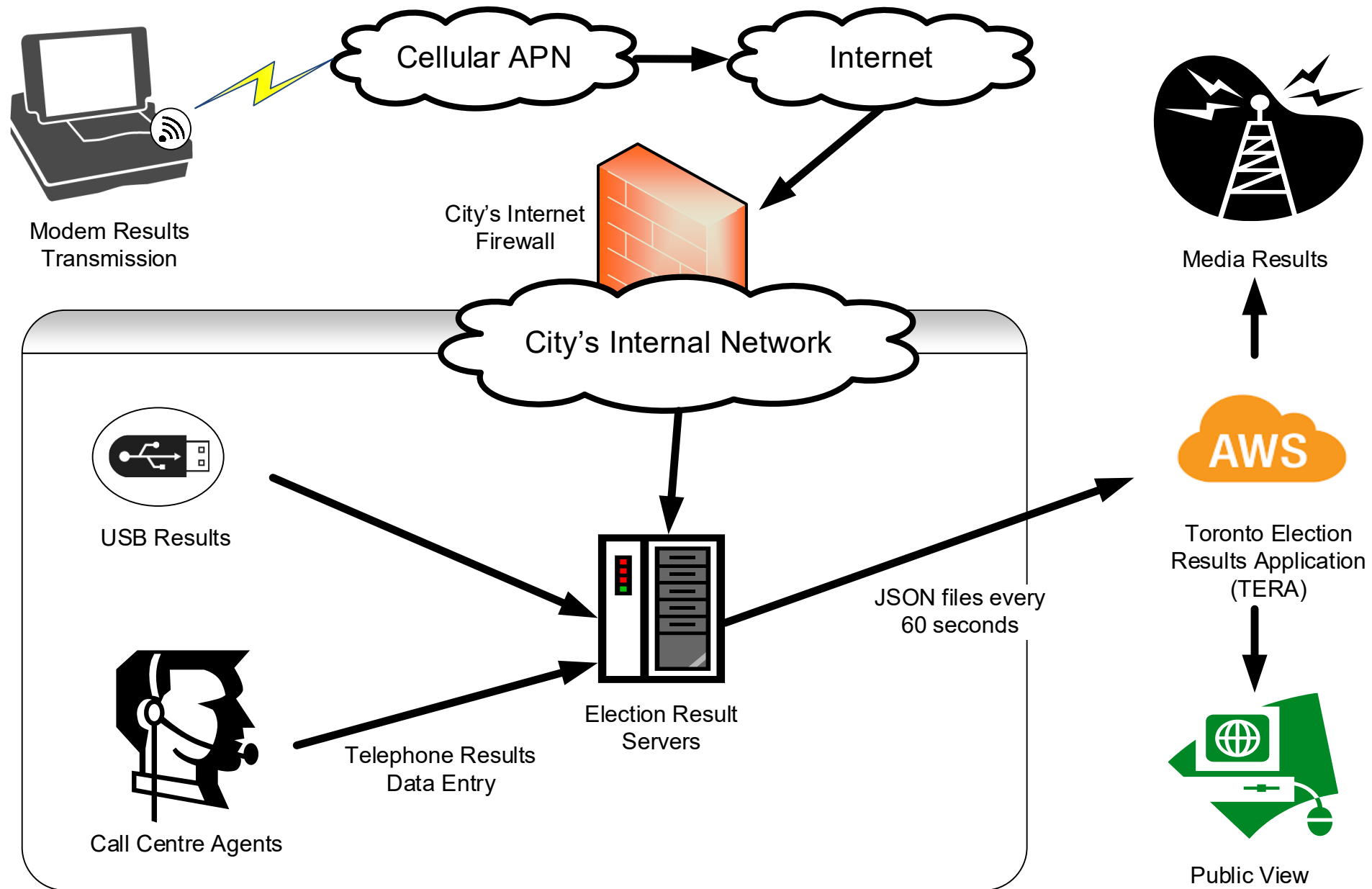


Notice

- This briefing provides information for the media to access the City's election night results data
- Election night results are considered unofficial until certified by the clerk
- This briefing is for planning purposes only, and comments should not be quoted or attributed to any individual
- Questions will be taken at the end of the presentation
- Any other questions or comments on the election are to be directed to Media Relations at media@toronto.ca

Agenda

- Overview of how results are received, processed and published
- Election Night Results data file overview
- How to obtain the latest information
- Important dates
- Technical contact information





Results Datafile Overview

- Election night results files will be available in a machine-readable JSON file format
- On October 26 after 8 p.m., files updated every 60 seconds
- Two type of election night results files will be available:
 1. [unofficialresult.json](#)
 - All candidates by offices, - mayor, councillors, and trustee offices
 2. [unofficialresult-wardbyward.json](#)
 - Mayoral office broken down by City ward

Top Level

```
{
  "electionDesc" : "2026 Municipal Election",
  "office" : [ ... ],
  "seq" : "1788896654505"
}
```

unofficialresult.json

Office

```
{
  "id" : 1,
  "name" : "Mayor",
  "ward" : [ ... ]
}, {
  "id" : 2,
  "name" : "Councillor",
  "ward" : [ ... ]
}, { ... }
```

Ward

```
{
  "name" : "Etobicoke North",
  "num" : "1",
  "polls" : "46",
  "pollsReceived" : "0",
  "totalVoters" : "78411",
  "votesReceived" : "0",
  "candidate" : [ ... ]
},
...
```

Candidate

```
{
  "name" : "Ala'a Adib",
  "votesReceived" : "0",
  "percentage" : "0.00"
},
...
```

Top Level

unofficialresult-wardbyward.json

```
{
  "electionDesc" : "2026 Municipal Election",
  "office" : [ ... ],
  "seq" : "1788896654505"
}
```

Office (Mayor)

```
{
  "name" : "Mayor",
  "polls" : "1431",
  "pollsReceived" : "0",
  "totalVoters" : "2143771",
  "votesReceived" : "0",
  "candidate" : [ ... ]
},
```

Candidate

```
{
  "name" : "Imad Abdulkadir",
  "votesReceived" : "0",
  "ward" : [...]
},...
```

Ward

```
{
  "name" : "Etobicoke North",
  "num" : "1",
  "polls" : "46",
  "pollsReceived" : "0",
  "totalVoters" : "78411",
  "votesCounted" : "0",
  "votesReceived" : "0"
},...
```



Getting the latest information

- Technical specifications and updates will be available on the Toronto Elections website

www.toronto.ca/elections/results

- Check the 'Live Results Information for Media' tile regularly for any new information.
- If you are experiencing any issues with the files on election night, any critical messages will be posted on these pages
- **Test prior to election day! No technical support will be available October 26, election night**



Important Dates

Date	Details
September 17	Results data files with zero results (JSON format) files for the 2026 election available. Files will have list of candidates and all races
September 28	System test with live data will be made available, starting at 8 pm and ending at 10 pm. Files will have list of candidates and all races
October 26	Election night results will be available for retrieval after 8 pm



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