Bulletin for Candidates
October 2026

This bulletin includes information, updates and reminders for candidates in the 2026 municipal election. For more information visit the Toronto Elections office at City Hall, email us at candidateinfo@toronto.ca or call 416-395-0025.

Scrutineers

During voting days, you and/or your scrutineer(s) can be present at a voting place to observe the voting process.

As a candidate, if you enter a voting place to observe voting, you must identify yourself to staff upon arrival, present ID, and take a declaration.

Your scrutineers must also present a Scrutineer Appointment Notice if they visit a voting place to observe the voting process. You can access the maximum number of scrutineers you are allowed to have in each voting place in MyCampaign. If your maximum number of scrutineers are present when you enter a voting place, one of your scrutineers will be required to leave.

The role of a scrutineer is to observe the voting process on behalf of a candidate. Scrutineers are not permitted to interfere with or disrupt the voting process. If a scrutineer is being disruptive or obstructive in any way, they will be removed from the voting place by an election official.

Please advise your scrutineers to direct any questions or concerns they may have about election policies and procedures to 416-395-0025 or candidateinfo@toronto.ca rather than to voting place staff. Both you and your scrutineers are required to follow the rules outlined on the Scrutineer Appointment Notice.

Voting Places in Long-term Care and Retirement Homes

Per the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, some voting places are located in institutions such as retirement homes and long-term care homes. Please familiarise yourself with the voting at institutions: long-term care homes and retirement homes policy to learn how voting will take place at these locations. Candidates and their scrutineers who wish to observe voting in institutions should be mindful that they may house vulnerable populations.

Accessibility and Other Supports and Services at the Voting Place

Voters who choose to vote in person have a range of accessibility and other supports and services available at voting places, including magnification bookmarks, and new braille ballot and candidate list overlays developed in consultation with the CNIB. A Voter Assist Terminal (VAT)—which is an accessible ballot marking device—will be available at two voting places in each ward on election day.

All voting places welcome support persons and service animals. Voters may receive assistance from a friend, family member, caregiver, or election official, and at the voter's request, the support can extend to behind the voting screen. If a voter would like to learn more about accessible voting options prior to voting, they can contact 416-338-1111 ext.6.

Observing Results Generation for Advance Voting and Mail-in Voting

Results from advance voting and mail-in voting (MIV) will be generated at 8 p.m. on election day (October 26, 2026) at 89 Northline Rd. Candidates and/or their scrutineers may observe this process. No appointment is required to observe the results generation, but scrutineers must present a Scrutineer Appointment Notice and take a declaration.

Unofficial and Official Election Results

Unofficial results will be available at toronto.ca/elections after voting places close on October 26, 2026.

The official certified results and poll-by-poll results will be posted on the Elections Results web page at a later date.

Campaigning on Election Day

You may campaign on election day, subject to the following rules and restrictions:

- You cannot campaign anywhere on the property that is part of a facility where a voting place is located (e.g. parking lots, walkways leading to the voting place, front lawn, anywhere inside the building, etc).
- In condos or apartments with an on-site voting place:
    - You cannot campaign in common areas in the building (e.g., lobby or elevators).
    - You can canvass on residential floors, but not in close proximity to the room where voting is taking place.

Election Signs

Election signs cannot be posted on or adjacent to any voting place. Refer to www.toronto.ca/electionsigns for more information on election sign rules and requirements. Election sign complaints must be made through 311.

Candidate Information Line

The dedicated candidate line (416-395-0025) will continue to be available on election day. This line is **only for candidate campaign use and should not be provided to electors**.

Members of the public should call 416-338-1111 or 311 for general voting or election info.

Council Transition

Following the election, winning candidates for the Office of Councillor or Mayor will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office at the contact information on file with Toronto Elections. There will be onboarding activities scheduled prior to the start of the term.