

HASTINGS HIGHLANDS VOTES

Monday, October 22



Become a Candidate for Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor

The next municipal election will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018.

Until a Nomination Paper is filed, a candidate cannot raise or spend any money on his/her campaign.

Contributions are considered to be any money, goods or services given to and accepted by, or on behalf of the candidate for his/her campaign.

A candidate's election period begins on the date the candidate files a Nomination Paper.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure they are qualified to run in the office to which they seek election.

Nomination Information

Filing of Nomination

- Either in person or through an agent, (faxed or electronic submissions are NOT accepted), Nomination Papers for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor will be received by the **Municipal Clerk** during the nomination period, as described below, at the Office of the Clerk, Municipality of Hastings Highlands, 33011 Highway 62 North, Maynooth, ON K0L 2S0.
- **A Nomination Paper must be signed by 25 voters** supporting the nomination. The individuals providing signatures must sign a declaration stating they are eligible to vote in the municipality on the day they signed the endorsement.
- Each candidate must provide proof of Canadian citizenship in a form acceptable to the Clerk. The onus is on the candidate to file a bona fide Nomination Paper.
- Each candidate must complete a Declaration of Qualification as part of the Nomination Form.
- Prescribed forms will be available April 2018.

Filing Fee

A Nomination Filing fee of \$200.00 for office of the Mayor or \$100.00 for Deputy Mayor or Councillor must be paid in cash, certified cheque, debit or money order payable to Municipality of Hastings Highlands.

Fee for Placing Election Signs

A deposit must be paid in cash, cheque, debit or money order payable to Municipality of Hastings Highlands before a registered candidate or third party advertiser may place election signs in the Municipality as per Bylaw #2017-103. This fee is refundable no later than ninety (90) days after Election Day, provided the election signs are removed within forty eight (48) hours immediately following 11:59 p.m. of Election Day.

Fee for registered candidate/third party advertiser: \$75.00

Fee for School Board Trustee registered candidate \$50.00

Registered Candidates/Third Party Advertisers are required to identify themselves on their election campaign advertisements.

Important Dates

Activity	Date
Nomination period begins	May 1, 2018 (regular office hours – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.)
Nomination period ends (last day to be nominated)	July 27, 2018 (from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
Election Day	October 22, 2018 (office hours – 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
2014-2018 Term of Council ends	November 30, 2018
New Term of Council	December 1, 2018 to November 14, 2022
2022 Term of Council begins	November 15, 2022

Qualifications for Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor

Every person is qualified to be elected to hold office of Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor, if on the day the nomination paper is filed, the person is:

- A Canadian citizen
- At least 18 years of age
- Must qualify as a resident or non-resident elector
(see <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10475.aspx>) Eligibility to run
- An owner or tenant of land, or the spouse of the owner or tenant
- Not legally prohibited from voting
- Not disqualified by any legislation from holding municipal office

Who cannot be a candidate

The following are disqualified from being elected or holding office as the Mayor or Councillor:

- A judge of any court
- A member of the Provincial Legislature, the Federal House of Commons or senate who has not resigned from their office by the close of nominations. Proof of resignation must be provided by the close of nominations of the Clerk will not certify the nomination.
- A candidate who failed to file the necessary financial statement in the last municipal election or by-election.
- An inmate serving a sentence in a penal or correctional institute.

Contact Us

For more information on the election of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors in 2018, visit our website at www.hastingshighlands.ca click on the 'Council' tab.

Please email election@hastingshighlands.ca with your written question or inquiry and a response will be provided from the Clerk's department at their earliest convenience.

All inquiries must be in writing, preferably by email and questions and answers will be shared anonymously with candidates/potential candidates and third party advertisers by way of their personal email address.

Questions and answers will be posted on the municipal website under the Council tab, click on 2018 Election, and then click on Candidate's Frequently Asked Questions tab (FAQ) at the Clerk's department's earliest convenience, to ensure fairness to all.