

Memo

To: Mayor and Council
From: Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk
Date: March 1, 2022
Subject: 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections Key Dates
Attachments: N/A

Mayor and Council:

Elections for municipal government are held every four years on the fourth Monday of October.

Changes to the Municipal Elections Act

Bill 218, an Act to enact the Supporting Ontario's Recovery Act, 2020 to amend the Municipal Elections Act, 2020 received Royal Assent November 20, 2020, and made a number of changes to the Municipal Elections Act, including:

1. Deadline to pass a by-law setting the method and manner of voting is now May 1 in the year of the municipal election (May 1, 2022). NOTE: the 2018 municipal election deadline was May 1 in the year prior to the municipal election (May 1, 2017).
2. Deadline to publish election procedures is moved to June 1 in the year of the election (June 1, 2022). NOTE: the 2018 municipal election deadline was December 31 in the year prior to the election (December 31, 2017)
3. Nomination Day is now the third Friday in August (August 19, 2022). NOTE: Nomination Day in the 2018 municipal election was the fourth Friday in July.
4. Removal of the option for ranked ballot voting.

Important Dates

- Nomination start date: May 2, 2022
- Nomination end date: August 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- Election Day: October 24, 2022
- New term of Council begins: November 15, 2022
- End of campaign period: January 3, 2023

Election Timelines – Key Dates

Monday, May 2, 2022

- First day to file a nomination paper for the offices of Mayor, Councillor and School Board Trustee:
 - Once the nomination paper is filed with the Clerk, the candidate can start raising and spending money on their campaign
 - preliminary spending limit provided to candidates
 - preliminary contribution limit provided to candidates (does not apply to School Board Trustee candidates)
- First day to file a notice of registration as a third-party advertiser
 - a third party advertiser cannot raise or spend money on their campaign, nor begin advertising, until their registration is certified by the Clerk
 - preliminary spending limit provided to third party advertiser upon certification.

Friday, August 19, 2022

- Nomination Day
 - On Nomination Day, nominations may only be filed between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. deadline for candidates to:
 - file a nomination
 - withdraw a nomination (in writing)
 - change office

Monday, August 22, 2022

- Last day for the Clerk to certify candidate nomination papers by 4:00 p.m.
- Declare the candidate(s) elected by acclamation

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

- Additional nominations may be filed between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., if the number of nominations filed for an office and certified is less than the number of persons to be elected to the office
 - A candidate who wishes to withdraw their additional nomination must notify the clerk in writing before 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 25, 2022

- Any additional nominations to be examined and certified by 4:00 p.m.
- Declare the candidate(s) elected by acclamation.

Thursday, September 1, 2022

- On written request, voters' list available to certified candidates for an office
- Revision period begins.
 - From September 1 until the close of voting, on voting day (October 24), a person may submit an application to have their name added to or removed from the voters' list, or to have their information on the voters' list amended.
 - From September 1 until the close of voting, on voting day (October 24), a person may submit an application requesting that a deceased person's name be removed from the voters' list.

Saturday, September 24, 2022

- First possible day to hold an advance vote

Monday, September 26, 2022

- Last day to provide candidates with:
 - A certificate of the applicable maximum amount of expenses
 - A certificate of the applicable maximum amount of contributions to a candidate's own election campaign
 - A certificate of the applicable maximum amount for parties, etc. after voting day
- Last day to provide registered third parties with:
 - A certificate of the applicable maximum amount of expenses
 - A certificate of the applicable maximum amount for parties, etc. after voting day

Friday, October 21, 2022

- Last day for third party advertisers to file their notice of registration.

Monday, October 24, 2022

- Voting Day
 - Voting places are to open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m., unless an earlier opening or reduced voting hours have been established by the clerk
 - Deadline for applications to have a name added to or removed from the voters' list, or to have information on the voters' list amended

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

- New term of office commences
- New council deemed to be organized when the declarations of office have been made by a sufficient number of members to form a quorum

Friday, December 16, 2022

- Deadline for the newly formed council to host their first meeting
Note: Section 3.1 of the City of Temiskaming Shores Procedural By-law No. 2008-160, as amended, states that the Inaugural Meeting date shall be held on the first Monday of December in an election year at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

- End of election campaign period for candidates and third party advertisers
- Last day for candidates and registered third parties to provide written notice in the prescribed form, of a deficit and the continuation of their campaign period

Thursday, March 30, 2023

- Last day for candidates and registered third parties to apply to the Superior Court of Justice to extend the time for filing their initial financial statements and auditor's reports
 - The court may grant an extension of no more than 90 days

Friday, March 31, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

- Last day for candidates and third party advertisers to file the initial financial statements and auditors reports
- Last day for candidates and registered third parties to notify the clerk, in writing, that an application has been made to Superior Court of Justice to extend the time for filing their initial financial statement and auditor's report

Note: Candidates that file their financial statements and auditor's reports by the 2:00 p.m. deadline are entitled to receive a refund of their nomination filing fee

Monday, May 1, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

- Last day for candidates and registered third parties to file their initial financial statements and auditor's reports (with a \$500 late filing fee)

Thursday, June 29, 2023

- Last day for an elector to apply for a compliance audit of a candidate or registered third party's initial financial statement

Friday, June 30, 2023

- Last day of the extended campaign period for candidates and registered third parties that extended their campaign due to a deficit, or that recommenced their campaign due to a recount, controverted election, or compliance audit

Note: Last day may be earlier if the deficit is eliminated

Thursday, September 28, 2023

- Last day for candidates and registered third parties to apply to the Superior Court of Justice to extend the time for filing their supplementary financial statements and auditor’s reports
 - The court may grant an extension of no more than 90 days

Friday, September 29, 2023 at 2 p.m.

- Deadline for candidates and third party advertisers to file the supplementary financial statement and auditors reports (applies only to those who extended their campaign period)
- Last day for candidates and registered third parties to notify the clerk, in writing, that an application has been made to Superior Court of Justice to extend the time for filing their supplementary financial statement and auditor’s report (2:00 p.m. deadline)

Monday, October 30, 2023

- Last day for candidates and registered third parties to file a supplementary financial statement and auditor’s report (by 2:00 p.m. with a \$500 late filing fee)

Thursday, December 28, 2023

- Last day for an elector to apply for a compliance audit of a candidate or registered third party’s supplementary financial statement

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