

Township of Johnson

Municipal Election 2018

For Candidates: Information Sheet

Thinking of running for municipal office? Here are a few things you need to know!

Step #1: Are you eligible to run for and hold office.

An individual may run for municipal office if they are eligible to vote in the election and fulfill all of the following requirements:

Mayor and Council

- Is a resident of the municipality, a non-resident owner or tenant of land in the municipality or the spouse of such non-resident owner or tenant;
- Is a Canadian citizen;
- Is at least 18 years old;
- Is not legally prohibited from voting; and
- Is not disqualified by any legislation from holding municipal office.

Step# 2: File Your Nomination Papers

- Nominations for the Municipal elections open Tuesday, May 1, 2018!
- The deadline for a candidate to file their nomination for municipal office is Friday, July 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- Those who are satisfied that they meet the prescribed requirements, as set out in the ***Municipal Elections Act, 1996***, and wish to campaign for office must first file a "Nomination Paper" with the Clerk of the Township of Johnson. The form can be filed anytime between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday (except statutory holidays), at the Township of Johnson Municipal Office, 1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats, Ontario

- The nomination of a person for an office on Council must be endorsed by at least 25 persons. Along with the Nomination Paper, a separate form containing these 25 signatures must be submitted to the Clerk of the Township of Johnson. This form is a prescribed form and will be available by April 1, 2018 from the Ministry. Persons endorsing a nomination must be eligible to vote in the 2018 Municipal Election at the time the nomination is endorsed and they may endorse more than one nomination. **(Please note – this requirement maybe changed by the Ministry, we will be notified by April 1, 2018 if this condition is changed)**
- A nomination fee must also be paid at this time, which can be made by cash, certified cheque or money order payable to the Township of Johnson.
 - \$100.00 for Councillors
 - \$200.00 for Mayor
- Note: If an agent is filing the Nomination Paper on behalf of a candidate, the candidate's declaration must be commissioned prior to the agent filing it with the Township.

Step# 3: Campaigning and Expenses:

- Once you have filed your Nomination Paper, you are officially able to begin campaigning for office and incurring campaign expenses.
- Note: The Township of Johnson is not able to provide advice to candidates and we encourage you to obtain and review a copy of the ***Municipal Elections Act, 1996*** to satisfy yourself of your obligations and responsibilities under the Act.

Step# 4: Following the Election

- Campaign period ends Monday, December 31, 2018. Registrants may request an extension of the campaign period to eliminate a deficit by submitting the prescribed Notice of Extension form with the Clerk on or before Monday December 31, 2018.

- Those who have campaigned for municipal office are required to file a complete and accurate financial statement, as per the ***Municipal Elections Act, 1996***, by Friday, March 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Running for Office? Important Dates

These are just of a few of the important dates for 2018 Municipal and School Board Election candidates. We strongly advise you to consult the ***Municipal Elections Act, 1996*** for further information.

Tuesday, May 1, 2018:

Nominations Open for Mayor and Council.

Friday, July 27, 2018:

Nomination Day, last day for filing between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

July 31st - September 1, 2018:

Receipt of Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) from MPAC- will be available for Candidates September 4, 2018

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 until 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 22, 2018 (Election Day):

- Revisions period (during which voters can make changes to their information on the Voters' List with the municipality)

Saturday, October 13, 2018:

- Advance voting day (tentative)

Monday, October 22, 2018:

- Election Day (voting open until 8:00 p.m.)

As soon as possible after Election Day:

- Official Declaration of 2018 Election Results by City Clerk

Monday, December 3, 2018:

Term of office commences

Monday, December 31, 2018:

End of campaign period

Friday, March 29, 2019:

Deadline to file financial statement for period ending Monday, December 31, 2018
(until 2:00 p.m.)