



## 2022 Municipal Election

Municipal Elections occur every four years in Ontario and the legislation for the conduct of an election are set out in the <u>Municipal Elections Act</u>.

The next regular Municipal Election to elect a Mayor, and four Ward Councillors, School Board Trustees and two County of Wellington representatives is on **October 24**, **2022**. The new term of Council begins November 15, 2022 and ends after the municipal election in 2026.

The nomination period for candidates opens on **May 1, 2022** and nominations may be filed on May 2, 2022 until Friday **August 19, 2022** (Nomination Day) between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Nomination forms must be accompanied by an Endorsement of Nomination signed by 25 individuals who are a Canadian citizen, aged 18 or older and have a qualifying address in the municipality.

To run for municipal office, you must be an eligible elector in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa. An eligible elector is, on voting day:

- A Canadian Citizen;
- At least 18 years of age at the time you file nomination papers;
- Reside in the Township, or be the owner or tenant of land in the Township, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
- Not prohibited from voting under any law.

## Vote by Mail - 2022 Election

On May 17, 2021, Council passed By-laws to authorize a vote by mail method of election and the use of tabulators to count the votes.

The vote by mail method ensures electors can participate in an environmentally friendly, accessible and convenient method of voting. Due to uncertainty around COVID in October 2022, this method of voting reduces contact.

More information related to the Municipal Election 2022 can be found on our website, <u>www.getvoting.ca</u>

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