

# Thinking of Running for Council?

## Candidate Information Workshop 2026 Municipal Election

7:00pm

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Aboyne Hall

Wellington County Museum and Archives  
536 Wellington Road 18, Fergus, ON



### Who should attend:

- Potential Candidates
- Spouse or Partner
- Anyone interested in learning more about local government

### Why should you attend?

This workshop will give you an understanding of Council's roles and responsibilities. It will also explain how duties and responsibilities of public office will impact your life.

### Speakers:

**John Mascarin:** John Mascarin is a Partner at Aird & Berlis LLP and a Law Society of Ontario Certified Specialist in Municipal Law and Land Use Planning. He teaches municipal and planning law at Osgoode Hall Law School and has authored multiple books in the field. John also serves as Editor-in-Chief for leading national municipal and planning law publications.

**Kelly Linton:** Kelly is a municipal change specialist with 25+ years of experience and a track record as Mayor of Centre Wellington and Warden of Wellington County. He's known for driving practical improvements—from strategic planning to major infrastructure and service upgrades—and now supports municipal leaders focused on meaningful change.

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Topics will include:

- Municipal Powers
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Public's Role in Local Government
- Difference between Governance and Administration
- Municipal Conflict of Interest and other personal responsibilities
- Impact on Family Life