

Public Notice

2022 Municipal Election Candidate Nomination and Third Party Advertiser Registration

Owen Sound, Ontario
April 8, 2022

The 2022 Municipal Election is fast approaching. For anyone proposing to be a candidate or a third party advertiser for the 2022 Municipal Election on October 24, 2022, the official nomination period is about to begin.

Nominations

Candidates interested in running for local offices (municipality and school board) in the 2022 Municipal Election must file a nomination with the City Clerk.

Nominations will be accepted during regular business hours from Monday, May 2, 2022 to Thursday, August 18, 2022 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday) and on Friday, August 19, 2022 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Nomination Day) at City Hall located at 808 2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound.

City of Owen Sound Council offices for which persons may be nominated:

- Mayor (1 position)
- Deputy Mayor (1 position)
- Councillor (7 positions)

School Board offices for which persons may be nominated:

- Bluewater District School Board Trustee (1 position)
- Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board Trustee (1 position)
- Conseil scolaire Viamonde Trustee (1 position – submit nomination papers to the City of Barrie)
- Conseil scolaire catholique Providence Trustee (1 position – submit nomination papers to the City of Sarnia)

Nomination Procedure

- All nomination forms must be submitted to the City Clerk on the prescribed form available at City Hall or on the election website www.owensoundvotes.ca.
- All nomination forms must be submitted IN PERSON by the candidate or the candidate's agent during regular office hours at City Hall. Candidates are encouraged to book an appointment to submit their nomination forms by calling 519-370-7340 or emailing elections@owensound.ca.
- All nomination forms must be accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for the office of Mayor and \$100.00 for all other offices, payable by cash, certified cheque, debit or money order – credit card payment will not be accepted.
- Nominations for an office on Council (not School Board Trustee candidates) must include 25 signatures supporting the nomination. Signatures must be from people eligible to vote in the City of Owen Sound and be on the prescribed form available at City Hall or on the election website www.owensoundvotes.ca.
- In the event there are an insufficient number of certified candidates to fill all positions, nominations will be reopened. Such additional nominations, if required, must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Campaigning

A nomination must be filed prior to accepting campaign contributions or incurring expenses.

Election

If a greater number of candidates are certified than are required to fill the said offices, an election will be held using telephone and internet voting. Electors will be able to cast a ballot anytime, anywhere between October 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and October 24, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

Third Party Advertiser

A third party advertiser is any individual, corporation or trade union that causes an election campaign advertisement to appear. Third party advertisers are required to register with the City Clerk.

Registrations of third party advertisers will be accepted between Monday, May 2, 2022 and Friday, October 21, 2022 during regular office hours. Third party advertisers are encouraged to book an appointment to submit their registration forms by calling 519-370-7340 or emailing elections@owensound.ca.

Until the Clerk certifies the registration, a third party advertiser may not spend money on their campaign, accept contributions or begin advertising. The registration form is available at City Hall or on the election website www.owensoundvotes.ca.

For more information, please contact Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk, at 519-376-4440 ext. 1247 or email bbloomfield@owensound.ca.

Quick Facts:

- The candidate nomination and third party advertiser registration period begins May 2, 2022.
- Candidates are encouraged to book an appointment to submit their nomination forms.
- The final day to file a candidate nomination is Friday August 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- The final day to register as a third party advertiser is Friday October 21, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.