



2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The next municipal election will be held Monday, October 24, 2022.

Offices to be Elected

The 2022 Municipal Election is being held for the following offices in the Township of Laird.

- Mayor (1) – elected at large
- Councillors (4) – elected at large

In addition, voters will elect school board trustees based on the school board they support.

Voter Eligibility

Eligibility to vote in a municipal election is based on the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act.

Qualifications:

A person is entitled to be a voter at an election held in a local municipality if, on voting day, he or she,

- (a) Resides in the local municipality or is the owner or tenant of land there or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- (b) Is a Canadian citizen;
- (c) Is at least 18 years old; and
- (d) Is not prohibited from voting under subsection (3) or otherwise by law. 2002, c. 17, Sched. D, s. 5 (s); 2005, c. 5, s. 46 (1).

Are you registered to vote?

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for collecting the information of residents in Ontario (name, date of birth, citizenship and school support) in order to create a Preliminary List of Electors for municipal and school board elections. Municipalities will use the Preliminary List of Electors to prepare their Voters List for the 2022 Municipal and school board elections. Municipalities will use the Preliminary List of Electors to prepare their Voters Lists for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections.

One of the ways MPAC collects this information is through voterlookup.ca. Here, Ontarians can add their name and the names of other members of their household to a secure database and confirm or update their information.

This helps ensure that each municipality has the most accurate information possible for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections.

Take a few minutes to verify your information at voterlookup.ca and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

2022 Voting Method

The voting method for the 2022 Municipal Election for the Township of Laird will be by the traditional voting method, the same format that was used for the 2018 election.

The traditional method will include in-person, paper ballot voting with a manual count.

Important Dates for 2022 Election

Nomination Period for Candidates:

- May 2, 2022 to August 18, 2022 (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)
- Nomination Day: Friday August 19, 2022 (9:00 am to 2:00 pm)

Third Party Advertising Registration Period:

- May 2, 2022 to October 21, 2022 (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Preliminary List of Electors Available:

- September 1, 2022

Voting Period for Electors:

- Advanced Voting: Saturday, October 15, 2022 (12:00 pm to 6:00 pm)
- Election Day: Monday, October 24, 2022 (10:00 am to 8:00 pm)

Term of New Council:

- November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026
- First Council meeting for the new term will be Thursday, November 17, 2022

Ending of Campaigns:

- Last date for any candidate and registered third parties campaigning: January 3, 2023
- Candidate and registered third parties Financial Reporting Deadline: March 31, 2023 at 2:00pm
- Late Candidate and registered third parties Financial Reporting (subject to \$500 late filing fee): May 1, 2023, at 2:00 pm

Information of Candidates

WHO CAN RUN FOR COUNCIL?

A person is qualified to be elected or hold office as a member of council only if, as of the day they file their nomination they are:

- Entitled to be an elector under MEA, s.17
 - (a) resides in the local municipality or is the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
 - (b) is a Canadian citizen;
 - (c) is at least 18 years old; and
 - (d) is not prohibited from voting under subsection (3) or otherwise by law. 2002, c. 17, Sched. D, s. 5 (2); 2005, c. 5, s. 46 (1).
- Not disqualified for violation of financial requirements or violations of requirements for filing financial information
- Not disqualified by any Act from holding such office.
- Not disqualified under the provisions as outlined in MEA, s.90(2) and 91(1)

Please note that the following people are disqualified from holding office as a member of council:

- an employee of the municipality unless they take an unpaid leave of absence beginning the day they are nominated, and resign if elected to office;
- A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution (this does not include a person serving a sentence at home).
- a judge of any court;
- a Corporation
- a Member of Parliament, a Member of Provincial Parliament, or a Senator; or
- a candidate who failed to file the necessary financial statement(s) in the last municipal election.

SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION FORMS

The Municipality will begin accepting nomination submissions on May 2, 2022.

Requirements to file a nomination paper are:

- a completed Nomination Form;
- current acceptable identification; and
- nomination filing fee (paid by cash, debit card, cheque or money order, payable to 'Township of Laird').
 - The filing fee is \$200.00 for candidates running for Mayor and \$100.00 for Councillor.
 - Nomination fees are refunded to candidates once they file the required financial statement(s).

If you are interested in running in the 2022 Municipal Election or require any further information please contact:

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Additional Resources:

1. [Municipal Elections Act, 1996](#)
2. [Municipal Act, 2001](#)
3. [Association of Municipalities of Ontario: Municipal Elections](#)
4. [Voterlookup.ca](#)
5. [Municipal Elections Calendar](#)