



Town of - Ville de
Gravelbourg

Election Guide for Candidates

2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Election Details

Advance Polling Day

Wednesday, November 6

St. Joseph's Hospital

Northeast Entrance

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Election Day

Wednesday, November 13

Maillard Cultural Centre

133 5th Ave E

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Offices to be Elected

At this election, members will be elected for the period commencing on the day of the first meeting of the council following the general election of 1 mayor and 6 councillors.

Nomination List

Mayoral Candidates: 3

Robert Bowler

Matthieu Forest

Darcy Stefiuk

Candidates for Council: 10

Tyra Bates

Zach Ogilvie

Megan Tosi-Cavanagh

Donovan Fehr

Deanna Pilgrim

Teresa Williams

Andre Lorrain

Lucien Sicotte

Sam Hawkins

Ronald Smith

A Candidate's Nomination Paper is a Public Document

Copies of the nomination papers are posted on the Town Office bulletin board. These documents are available for public viewing during regular business hours until the close of polls on Election Day.

Polling Days

Please ensure that you take down any election signage or promotional material within 100m of St. Joseph's Hospital (on November 6) and the Maillard Cultural Centre (on November 13) prior to the opening of the polls.

After the poll opens, the Deputy Returning Officer will show people who are present that the ballot box is empty prior to closing and sealing the box.

The ballot box should be visible to

- the Deputy Returning Officer, poll clerks;
- Candidates and agents;
- and voters.

Access to the polling place is restricted to:

- Election officials;
- Candidates;
- Not more than two agents for each candidate;
- People who are voting or waiting to vote; and
- An escort or assistant to a voter with a disability or limited ability, or an interpreter or sign language interpreter.

Rights of Candidates and Agents

- Each candidate is entitled to be present in the polling place with no more than two duly authorized agents of a candidate during voting hours.
- Each candidate and their agent is entitled to vote for one (1) mayoral candidate and a maximum of six (6) candidates for Council
- Each candidate **or** one of their agents is entitled to be present during the count of the votes so long as they are present before the close of polls.

Appointment of a Candidate's Agent

Candidates and agents must make a declaration in prescribed *Form U – Declaration of Candidate or Agent* before exercising their duties or functions at the polling place.

Each Candidate may appoint up to two agents to attend a polling place by completing *Form T – Appointment of Candidate’s Agent* and presenting it to the Deputy Returning Officer.

Candidates and agents have the right to:

- Be in the polling place to observe proceedings while voters are voting; and
- Object to the eligibility of any voter intending to vote, and they may:
 - Examine a voter’s evidence of identity; or
 - Request verification that vouching procedures have been followed (if applicable).

Objections to a Voter

Candidates or agents in attendance at the poll may object to the eligibility of a voter who intends to vote. **Objections are directed to the Deputy Returning Officer, not to the voter.** A candidate or agent is not required to provide a reason for the objection.

A candidate or agent may ask the Deputy Returning Officer to request evidence of the voter’s identity **or** verify that the procedures to establish a voter’s identity and eligibility have been followed.

Expectations of Candidates and their Agents

Candidates and their agents must situate themselves in the designated location at the polling place, as determined by the Deputy Returning Officer, and may observe the conduct of the election.

There is no instance in which it would be acceptable for a candidate or agent to touch a ballot during an election other than when casting their own vote. **Candidates and their agents must not engage with voters in the polling place.**

Candidates or agents do not have any authority to:

- Directly question a voter;
- Attempt to influence a voter;
- Enter the polling place after the polls close;
- Canvass or solicit votes or persuade a person not to vote within 100 meters of a polling place; or
- Review completed voter registration forms.

Candidates and agents may enter and leave the polling place at their pleasure during the hours the poll is open. **To observe the ballot counts, candidates or one of their agents must be in the polling place before the close of voting.**

After the Poll Closes

Only the candidate **or** one of the candidate's agents may be in attendance to observe the ballot count.

Prior to counting the ballots, the Deputy & Returning Officer will explain to the candidates and agents in attendance:

- The ballot counting procedure;
- The right to object to a decision; and
- The procedure following registration of an objection

The Deputy Returning Officer must reject every ballot that:

- Has more marks than the voter was entitled to make;
- Has been written or marked in a way that could identify the voter;
- Has been torn, defaced, or otherwise treated; or
- Has not been marked

A candidate or an agent may object to the decision of the DRO to accept or reject a ballot.

The Deputy Returning Officer's decision to reject or count an objected ballot is final. A candidate may request a recount to be conducted by a judge.

Sources: [Local Government Election Act, 2015](#), [Local Government Election Regulations, 2015](#)

Appendix

Form U – Declaration of Candidate

Form T – Appointment of Candidate's Agent

FORM T
[Subsection 104(1) of the Act]

Appointment of Candidate's Agent

This is to certify that _____
(Name)

of _____
(Address)

is authorized to attend at Polling Area No. 1 located at _____
(Address or place)

on the _____ day of _____, 20____, as my agent.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

(Candidate)

FORM U

[Clause 104(1)(b) and Subsection 105(1) of the Act]

Declaration of Candidate or Agent

I, _____, declare that:
(Name)

1 I will not, at the election to be held for the:

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on the 13th day of November, 2024:

- (a) attempt unlawfully to ascertain;
 - (i) the candidate or candidates for whom any person has voted; or
 - (ii) the manner of a person's vote on a bylaw or question; or
- (b) in any way aid the unlawful discovery of the information mentioned in clause (a).

2 I will strictly observe secrecy with respect to any and all knowledge that may come into my possession of:

- (a) any person who has shown evidence of the person's identity and residence pursuant to section 110 of the Act;
- (b) the candidate or candidates for whom any person has voted; and
- (c) the manner in which a voter has marked the ballot on a bylaw or question.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Witness:

(Deputy Returning Officer)

(Candidate or Agent)