



2022 Municipal Election Unofficial List of Candidates Procedure

Introduction

To enhance electors' awareness of the candidates seeking Office in the 2022 Municipal Election, the Clerk has deemed it appropriate to post an Unofficial List of Candidates and to update the list regularly throughout the Election. This outlines the process that will be followed to ensure equity and procedural fairness amongst all candidates in accordance with legislation.

Legislative Authority

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended (the "Act"), permits candidates to file nominations in a municipal election year from May 1st, 2022 to August 19th, 2022 at 2:00pm (Nomination Day). In 2022, May 1st occurred on a Sunday when municipal offices are typically closed. Thus, the first opportunity for candidates to register their nomination for the 2022 Municipal Election occurred on Monday May 2, 2022.

Once a candidate has filed a Nomination Paper (i.e., Form 1), they can begin to campaign, raise campaign funds and incur campaign expenses in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The authority of the Clerk is found in the Act in Section 12, as amended, which reads:

- S. 12 (1) A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matter or procedure that,*
- i. is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation; and*
 - ii. in the clerk's opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election. 1996, c. 32, Sched., s. 12 (1).*

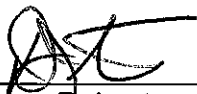
Per the Act, the Clerk generally has the power to set out forms and procedures to ensure the peaceful and orderly conduct of the election, subject to any specific requirements in the Act. The Act also sets out that decisions of the Clerk on eligibility are final.

Guidelines

The following guidelines relate to the procedure for posting the Unofficial List of Candidates for the 2022 Municipal Election for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford:

1. No later than the 3rd regular business day of the month of June 2022, an initial Unofficial List of Candidates who have registered their nomination with the Clerk during the period of May 2 to May 31, 2022 inclusive will be posted on the Village website at MWVotes.ca and on the bulletin board at the Village Municipal Office, 317 Brock Street West, Merrickville.
2. The Unofficial List of Candidates will identify the name of each candidate and the Office for which each candidate is nominated (i.e., Mayor, Councillor-Wolford or Councillor-Merrickville).
3. For each subsequent month during the election, the candidates who registered each month will be posted at the same two locations indicated in paragraph 1 above no later than the 3rd regular business day of the following month. For example, the information regarding the candidates who register during the month of June, will be posted no later than the 3rd regular business day in the month of July, and the candidates that register during the month of July will be posted no later than the 3rd regular business day of the month of August.
4. Recognizing that Nomination Day falls on August 19, 2022, and that 2:00pm on August 19, 2022 is the last time to register or withdraw as a candidate, and further that the Clerk is required to certify all candidates no later than August 22, 2022 by 4:00pm, candidates who register during the period of August 1, 2022 to August 19, 2022 at 2:00pm inclusive will have their information posted no later than August 22, 2022 at 4:00pm.
5. Notwithstanding the timelines and other provisions included in this procedure, the Clerk will endeavor to post all registered Candidates' information as soon as circumstances will allow at the Clerk's sole discretion in accordance with legislation after receiving the registration but at no time will a candidate's information be posted later than the 3rd regular business day of the month following the month in which the registration was received by the Clerk.
6. The information shown on the Unofficial List of Candidates will appear in alphabetical order by last name and the date that the list was last updated will appear on the list.
7. All candidates who withdraw their nomination from the election in accordance with S. 36 of the Act, will automatically have their name removed from the Unofficial List of Candidates as soon as possible by the Clerk.

JUNE 2, 2022
Date Approved



Doug Robertson
Clerk / Returning Officer