APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

FORM B18

TAKE NOTICE that I, _____ a candidate for the office of _____

hereby appoint _____ to attend at the following Voting Place(s) in the Municipality of Central Elgin to represent me in such Voting Place(s):

☐

ADVANCE VOTE NO. 1

Friday, October 9, 2026 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the following location:

All Wards – All Polls
Belmont Arena
14020 Belmont Road
Belmont, ON

ADVANCE VOTE NO. 2

Saturday, October 17, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm at the following location:

All Wards – All Polls
Port Stanley Arena
332 Carlow Road
Port Stanley, ON

☐

☐

ADVANCE VOTE NO. 3

Sunday, October 18, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm at the following location:

All Wards – All Polls
Masonic Centre of Elgin
42703 Fruit Ridge Line
St. Thomas, ON

ADVANCE VOTE NO. 4

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the following location:

All Wards – All Polls
Port Stanley Arena
332 Carlow Road
Port Stanley, ON

☐

VOTING DAY - Monday, October 26, 2026

VOTING PLACE – WARD 1	VOTING PLACE – WARD 2
Monday, October 26, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location: Port Stanley Arena 332 Carlow Road Port Stanley, ON	Monday, October 26, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location: Masonic Centre of Elgin 42703 Fruit Ridge Line St. Thomas, ON

VOTING PLACE – WARD 3	VOTING PLACE – WARD 4
Monday, October 26, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location: Masonic Centre of Elgin 42703 Fruit Ridge Line St. Thomas, ON	Monday, October 26, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location: Free Reformed Church 145 St. George Street St. Thomas, ON

	VOTING PLACE – WARD 5		INSTITUTIONAL VOTING PLACES	
☐	Monday, October 26, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following location: Belmont Arena 14020 Belmont Road Belmont ON		Monday, October 26, 2026 between the hours of **10:00 am to 12 noon** at the following location: Extendicare 4551 East Road Port Stanley ON Monday, October 26, 2026 between the hours of **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** at the following location: Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care 401 Sunset Drive St. Thomas, ON	☐

and at the counting of votes under The Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Signature of Candidate

Date

CONDUCT OF SCRUTINEERS

1) Anyone who is creating a disturbance at a Voting Place will be removed by the Deputy Returning Officer (DRO).
2) Before being admitted to a Voting Place, a person appointed as scrutineer shall produce and show his/her Appointment [Form B18] to the Deputy Returning Officer for the Voting Place and take the Oral Oath of Secrecy [Form B22] from the Deputy Returning Officer before being permitted to remain in the Voting Place.
3) Cell phones shall be turned off upon entering the voting place and their use is prohibited while in the voting place and counting location.
4) The Deputy Returning Officer is responsible for the conduct of the Voting Place and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Deputy Returning Officer in the discharge of his/her duties.
5) Scrutineers are prohibited from sitting at the table which is provided exclusively for the Deputy Returning Office and election staff.
6) Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the count must be at the Voting Place prior to 8:00 PM. No Scrutineer/candidate will be admitted to the Voting Place after 8:00 PM
7) The total of votes cast for each candidate as counted by the Deputy Returning Office and Election Staff is final. They are not required to do a recount/second count.

Rights of Scrutineers (includes Candidates, except Candidates elected by acclamation)

- to be present when materials and documents related to the election are delivered to the Clerk
- to enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens and to inspect the ballot boxes and the ballots and other election documents, but not so as to delay the timely opening of the Voting Place
- to place a seal on a ballot box before the opening of the voting place so that ballots can be deposited in the box and cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal.
- to object to a ballot or the counting of votes in a ballot
- to sign the statement of the results prepared by the DRO
- to place a seal on the ballot box after the counting of the votes when the DRO seals the box that ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal

Scrutineers and Candidates are prohibited from the following:

- from attempting, directly or indirectly, to interfere with how an elector votes, and prohibited from attempting to campaign or persuade an elector to vote for a particular candidate
- displaying a candidate's election campaign material in a voting place
- compromising the secrecy of the voting
- interfering or attempting to interfere with an elector who is marking a ballot
- obtaining or attempting to obtain, in a voting place, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted
- communicating any information obtained at a voting place about how an elector intends to vote or has voted

Any person failing to abide by the above rights and prohibitions shall be directed to leave the voting location or counting place.