

Candidate's Appointment of Scrutineer Form 2026 Municipal and School Board Election

This election will be conducted using a hybrid voting model, which includes in-person voting using vote tabulators and online voting.

Scrutineer access and observation rights differ depending on the voting method and are governed by the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and procedures established by the Clerk.

Name of Candidate: _____

Candidate for the office of:

Mayor	Thames Valley District School Board (English Public Trustee)
Deputy Mayor-County Councillor	London District Catholic School Board (English Separate Trustee)
City-County Councillor	Conseil scolaire Viamonde (French Public Trustee)
City Councillor	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence (French Separate Trustee)

Scrutineer Appointment

Name of Scrutineer appointed: _____
(please print)

I hereby appoint the individual named above as a scrutineer to represent me in connection with the City of Woodstock 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, conducted using a hybrid voting model (in-person voting with vote tabulators and online voting), subject to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and the directions of election officials.

Date

Candidate's Signature

Instructions to the Scrutineer

- Upon arrival at a voting place, a scrutineer must present this appointment form and identification to the Managing Deputy Returning Officer and complete the required declaration.
- Only one scrutineer per candidate per ballot box may be present in a voting place at any one time.
- If a candidate enters the voting place and the maximum number of scrutineers connected to that candidate is already present, one scrutineer must leave.
- Scrutineers may observe proceedings but must not interfere with electors, election officials, or the voting process.
- Election officials may remove any individual (including a scrutineer or candidate) who disrupts the voting process or fails to comply with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or election official directions. The authority to remove an individual rests with the Clerk and/or the Managing Deputy Returning Officer.

Rights and Restrictions

Scrutineers and candidates may:

- Enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens to inspect the ballot box, ballots, and relevant forms and documents (without delaying the opening of the voting place).
- Place a personal seal on the ballot box immediately before opening and after close of voting on advance vote days, provided the seal does not contain election campaigning or a candidate's name.
- Observe ballots as they are fed into the vote tabulator during in-person voting (without touching the ballots).
- Access the Scrutineer Portal during voting days to observe authorized information related to online voting, as determined by the Clerk.
- Object to an elector voting, a ballot, or the counting of votes, with the objection to be determined by an election official.
- Sign the statement of results prepared by the Managing Deputy Returning Officer.

Scrutineers and candidates cannot:

- Position themselves close enough to observe how an elector has marked a ballot, as determined by the Managing Deputy Returning Officer.
- Campaign at a voting place or anywhere on the property where the voting place is located.
- Display campaign material or park a vehicle displaying campaign material on voting-place property.
- Compromise the secrecy of the vote in any manner.
- Attempt to influence an elector, interfere with ballot marking, or obtain or communicate information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.

- Induce an elector to show a marked ballot.
- Speak to or provide assistance to electors inside the voting place.
- Attempt to view, access, monitor, or interfere with individual online ballots, voter credentials, or voter activity.
- Communicate or attempt to communicate with voters while they are attempting to cast their ballot via the online voting system.
- Record, capture, screenshot, reproduce, or distribute information from the Scrutineer Portal except as expressly permitted by the Clerk in writing.

Additional Information:

- Discussions with other scrutineers or candidates must take place outside the voting place, including phone conversations.
- The voting-place boundary includes the building, grounds, and parking lot.
- Scrutineers and candidates will not be admitted to polling locations, and will no longer have access to the Scrutineer Portal after the close of voting at 8:00 p.m.
- Results produced by vote tabulators and the online voting system are accepted in accordance with election procedures. Access to detailed results, audits, or recounts shall be conducted only as permitted under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and applicable election procedures.

Scrutineer Declaration

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the duties, rights, and restrictions outlined in Candidate's Appointment of Scrutineer Form [EL-54] in the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.

I agree to comply with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, all applicable procedures established by the Clerk, and the directions of election officials to the best of my ability.

I understand that failure to comply with these requirements, or any interference with the voting process, may result in my removal from a voting place and/or revocation of my access to the Scrutineer Portal, and may constitute an offence under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Date

Scrutineer's Signature