



APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s.16 (1)

(Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Elections Act and will be used to assist the Clerk in the administration of the 2026 Municipal Election.

Candidate

Name of Candidate (please print)

Candidate for the Office of (check one)

☐ Reeve ☐ Councillor ☐ School Board _____

Scrutineer Appointment

Name of Scrutineer Appointed (please print)

I, the candidate, appoint the individual named above as a scrutineer to represent me in the Township of Gillies 2026 Municipal Election, signed this _____ day of _____, 2026

Signature of Candidate _____

Instructions to Scrutineer

- The boundaries of the Voting Place are the boundaries of the property where the Voting Place is located and includes the parking lot of 1092 Highway 595.
- Scrutineers arriving at a voting place must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take an oath of secrecy.
- One (1) scrutineer per certified candidate may be present for each ballot box in use at the voting place. When the candidate is present, the number of scrutineers permitted to represent that candidate is reduced by one.

Scrutineers and candidates can:

- Enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens and inspect the ballot boxes and the ballots and all other papers, forms and documents relating to the vote (but not so as to delay the timely opening of the voting place).
- Place his or her own seal on the ballot box, immediately before the opening of the voting place, so that ballots can be deposited in the box and cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal (see notes below for further information).
- Examine the Voters' List periodically to determine who has voted or to count how many Electors have voted but may not interfere with the conduct of the voting process.
- Examine each ballot as the votes are being counted by the Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) (but not to touch the ballot).
- Object to a ballot, or to the counting of some or all votes in a ballot, on the ground that the ballot or votes do not comply with the prescribed rules.
- Sign the statement of the results of the election prepared by the DRO.
- Place his or her own seal on the ballot box immediately after the close of voting on each day of an advance vote, so that ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal (see notes below for further information).

Scrutineers and candidates cannot:

- Position themselves where they can see a voter marking their ballot or otherwise compromise ballot secrecy.
- Campaign or attempt, directly or indirectly, to influence how an elector votes within the Voting Place.
- Interfere or attempt to interfere with an elector who is marking their ballot or with the voting process.
- Display a candidate's election campaign material or literature, including buttons, pins or signs, within the Voting Place.
- Compromise the secrecy of voting.
- Obtain or attempt to obtain, within the Voting Place, information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Communicate information obtained within the Voting Place about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Park a vehicle displaying campaign material within the parking area designated by the Clerk as part of the Voting Place.
- Engage voters in conversation or hold personal discussions with other scrutineers or candidates within the Voting Place. Personal discussions must take place off site. Election-related questions, concerns and objections must be directed to an election official.
- Use a cell phone, computer, camera, audio or video recording device, or other electronic device within the Voting Place, except for an accessibility accommodation or another use authorized by the Clerk that preserves ballot secrecy and does not interfere with voting.

Note:

- It is no longer mandatory that scrutineers be 16 years of age or older to work at an election.
- The DRO is responsible for the conduct of the Voting Place and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the DRO in the discharge of his or her duties.
- Anyone who is creating a disturbance at a Voting Place will be removed by the DRO.
- The seal(s) must not contain any writing that could be considered "election campaigning", therefore, the name of the candidate is not permitted on the seal.
- Candidates and scrutineers wishing to observe the counting of ballots must be present at the Voting Place before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Candidates and scrutineers will not be admitted after 8:00 p.m. Those who leave after that time will not be permitted to return.
- Any recount shall be conducted in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, and any applicable municipal recount policy.