Appointment of Scrutineer for 2026 Municipal and School Board Election

Use this form to appoint scrutineer(s) for your 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. Multiple scrutineers may be appointed; however, a new form must be completed for each scrutineer. Once completed, email this form to elections@stcatharines.ca and email or print a copy for your scrutineer(s).

- Candidates are required to provide an email address as part of this form so a copy of the form can be sent to them.
- At the Voting Place, the scrutineer is required to show a copy of the completed form to the Poll Supervisor - this can be done by printing off the form or the scrutineer can show a copy of the form on their cell phone.

Name of Candidate (First and Last Name) *

Name of Scrutineer (First and Last Name) *

Candidate's Email Address *

Date Form Completed *

I appoint the individual noted on this form as a scrutineer to represent me in the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election *

- (●) Yes

Instructions to Scrutineer

- Scrutineers / candidates arriving at a voting place must show this form and personal identification to the supervisor of the voting place and take an oath of secrecy.
- A candidate who enters a voting place is considered to be a scrutineer.
- Only one scrutineer per candidate may remain in the poll for each ballot box in use at that poll.
- The number of scrutineers who may be present is reduced by one while the candidate who appointed them is present in the voting place.

Rights and Prohibitions

At a voting place, Scrutineers and Candidates Can:

- Enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens and inspect the ballot boxes, 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 their 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box, immediately before the opening of the voting place, so that ballots can be deposited in the box and cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal.
- Object to a ballot being issued to an elector.
- View the number of votes cast on the vote tabulator.
- Receive a copy of the statment of results, if requested prior to poll closing.
- Sign the statement of the results after the poll has closed.
- Place his or her own seal on the ballot box immediately after the close of voting, so that ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal.

Candidates have access to the Voters' List, including information on who has voted, through the Candidate Portal. Scrutineers wishing to request information about whether an individual has voted will need to wait in line with voters.

Scrutineers and Candidates Cannot:

- Compromise the secrecy of voting (e.g. view how a voter has marked their ballot).
- Attempt, directly or indirectly, to interferre with how an elector votes.
- Campaign or display campaign material at the voting place (including the property and parking lot where the voting place is located).
- Obtain or attempt to obtain, in a voting place, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Act as an interpreter for a voter.

Note:

- The Poll Supervisor is responsible for the conduct of the Voting Place and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Poll Supervisor or an election official in the discharge of their duties.
- Election officials have the right to remove any individual from the Voting Place who is causing a disturbance.
- Seal(s) must not contain any writing that could be considered campaign material and as such must not contain a candidate's name.
- Scrutineers wishing to be present when material and documents related to the election are delivered to the Clerk, as per section 55(5)(a) of the Municipal Elections Act, should contact elections@stcatharines.ca to request details of the times and locations.
- Scrutineers / candidates wishing to observe the tabulating of results must be at the Voting Place 15 minutes prior to closing. No one will be admitted to the Voting Place after the polls are closed**.**
- Scrutineers / candidates wishing to observe the counting of advance votes must be at City Hall prior to 8:00. p.m. on Election Day.

I have read and understand the instructions to Scrutineers and Rights and Prohibitions *

- ◉ Yes

Signature of Candidate *