

Appointment of Scrutineer by Candidate – Form EL12 (A)

Take Notice that I, _____ a candidate for the office of
(Name of Candidate)

(office to which election is being sought)

hereby appoint _____ to represent me and attend:
(Name of person being appointed as a Scrutineer)

- ☐ at the Voter Help Centre during hours of operation, or at an institution during hours of operation
- ☐ at the close of voting in the Council Chambers

in respect of the 2026 Municipal Election to be held October 16 to October 26, 2026 under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Date

Signature of Candidate

Conduct of Scrutineers and Candidates

1. Anyone who is creating a disturbance at the Voter Help Centre, Institution or during the close of voting procedures will be removed as directed by the Clerk.
2. Before being admitted to the Voter Help Centre, Institution, or during the close of voting procedures, a person appointed as scrutineer shall produce and show their Appointment (Form EL12 (A)) to the Clerk, Deputy Returning Officer or Election Official and shall take the "Oral Oath of Secrecy" Form (CS25) from the Clerk, Deputy Returning Officer or Election Official before being permitted to remain. The Clerk, Deputy Returning Officer or Election Official shall require proof of identity and residence of the scrutineer, as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13.

3. Cell phones **SHALL** be turned off upon entering the Voter Help Centre, Institution and during the close of voting procedures and their use is prohibited while in the Voter Help Centre, Institution and Council Chambers.
4. The Clerk or Deputy Returning Officer is responsible for the conduct of the Voter Help Centre, Institution, and close of voting procedures and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Clerk, Deputy Returning Officer or any election official in the discharge of their duties.
5. Scrutineers are prohibited from sitting at the table which is provided exclusively for election officials.
6. The candidate or Scrutineer shall not communicate how electors voted to anyone.
7. The total votes cast for each candidate as tabulated by the system is final. At this point, the Clerk is not required to do a recount / second count.

Rights of Scrutineers and Candidates except Candidates elected by Acclamation

8. To observe the voting process at the Voter Help Centre and Institutions, but shall not interfere with the electors.
9. To attend to observe the close of voting procedures in Council Chambers.
10. In the event of a recount, Section 61 of the Act prescribes the number of scrutineers entitled to be present and their rights.

Scrutineers and Candidates are prohibited from the following:

11. Attempting, directly or indirectly, to interfere with how an elector votes, and from attempting to campaign or persuade an elector to vote for a particular candidate, by-law or question.
12. Displaying a candidate's election campaign material in the Voter Help Centre or Institution or any Voting Location, including the entire property and parking lot.
13. Compromising the secrecy of the voting.

14. Interfering or attempting to interfere with an elector who is voting.
15. Obtaining or attempting to obtain, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
16. Communicating any information obtained 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 Voter Help Centre, Institution, Voting Location or Council Chambers.

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. Questions regarding the collection and use of this information should be directed to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON, N6A 6W1; by telephone at 519-271-0250 extension 5237 or email during business hours clerks@stratford.ca.