

A word from the Returning Officer

With September just around the corner, the election is almost here!

Our next big milestone is Nomination Day, which takes place on September 22. Candidates have until noon that day to complete the nomination process. This is a necessary step to get your name on the ballot.

On September 22, 2025, we are bringing our Edmonton Elections Team to City Hall to support candidates file their papers at City Hall (1 Sir Winston Churchill Hall). We will be available from 9 a.m - noon. If you are not able to make it to City Hall we will still be able to help you at our Edmonton Elections Office, at 16304 114 Avenue. Nominations Close as 12 noon September 22, 2025.

Once the list is finalized, Edmonton Elections will post an official candidates list on edmonton.ca/elections.

After Nomination Day we will be sending out Voter information cards and will also start printing ballots for special ballot packages.

Each of these steps take us closer to Election Day. Remember to stay informed and encourage your friends to sign up for our e-newsletter.

- Aileen Giesbrecht, City Clerk and Returning Officer

We have over 100 nominated candidates!

Over one hundred candidates have already completed the nomination process, ensuring their names will be on the ballot this October.

- 9 candidates for Mayor
- 67 nominated candidates for Councillor
- 24 candidates for Edmonton Public School Board Trustee

9 candidates for Edmonton Separate Catholic School Board Trustee

See the list

Campaign and Financial Disclosure Updates

Starting September 8, election signs will be permitted on City road right-of-ways. Election sign placement must follow the <u>Terms and Conditions for the Placement of Free Standing Election Signs on City Road Right-Of-Way</u>. On August 26, Returning Officer Aileen Geisbrecht co-hosted an overview of campaign rules at a virtual information session with David Jones, the Branch Manager for Community Services.

Edmonton Elections will also be reaching out directly to registered candidates, parties, slates, and third-party advertisers about new reporting requirements that require an interim report of campaign contributions and expenses by September 30, 2025.

Now hiring!

Edmonton Elections anticipated needing more than 4,000 workers to fill over 5,000 positions for the 2025 Edmonton Election. There are three main shifts: advance vote (October 7 to 11), Election Day and counting ballots (once voting stations close).

Anyone eligible to work in Canada is encouraged to apply, so please share the opportunities with your networks and visit <u>edmonton.ca/electionjobs</u>.



Mark your calendar



September 8: Election signs permitted on city road

right-of-ways

September 22: Nomination deadline at noon (City

Hall or Edmonton Elections Office)

September 30: Interim Campaign and Financial

Disclosure due

October 7 to 11: Advance Vote

October 20: Election Day

Stay connected with us!

Follow Edmonton Elections on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and/or <u>Twitter/X</u>. These social channels make it easier for more Edmontonians to get the information they need to participate in the 2025 Edmonton Election.

Follow us and be a part of the conversation.

Virtual information sessions

Work the Election

This session covered information on working the election. Learn more about the application process and job requirements.



Watch now

Election Advertising

This session covered information on election advertising requirements.

Learn more about the registration of third-party advertisers, reporting obligations and signage rules.



Watch now

August's top 3 FAQs

1. I submitted a notice of intent but I no longer intend to run in the election.

Do I still need to submit a financial disclosure?

Yes. Even if you did not campaign, did not raise money or spend any funding, you must still file the interim and final financial disclosures.

There are 2 required disclosure statements for candidates:

- An interim campaign disclosure is due September 30, 2025. This statement covers the period from January 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025.
- The final campaign disclosure is due March 2, 2026 and covers the entire 2025 campaign.

2. I want to put up election signs. What are the rules?

Please note that a candidate is responsible for all signage and faces potential fines for improper or unsafe placement. Placement must align with the <u>Terms and Conditions for the Placement of Free Standing Election Signs on City Road Right-of-Way</u>.

Here are some basic rules:

- Election signs are allowed on private property (with permission). All signage must be safe and in alignment with zoning rules.
- For road right-of-ways, election signs can be added after Sept. 8 and must be removed by Oct. 23.
- Signs can be 0.6 metres wide but no more than 1 metre from the ground, must be staked firmly and securely. They can't be electrified or inflatable.
- They have to be in good shape a campaign is responsible for removing derelict, damaged or unsightly signs.
- Signs cannot be placed in parks, City facilities or on ETS property.
- They are not allowed on medians, traffic islands, or in traffic circles.
- They cannot be near intersections (within 30 metres of traffic lights or 15 metres of an intersection without signals).
- They can't be on highway structures like bridges, guardrails, or retaining walls.

3. I have been hearing about something called Nomination Day happening in September. Do I need to go if I have already submitted my nomination papers?

Nomination Day is the last opportunity for candidates to submit their nomination papers to appear on the ballot for the 2025 Edmonton Election. If you have already submitted your nomination package you do not need to attend.

Potential candidates who have not submitted their nomination package do not need to wait until Nomination Day to submit. Appointments are available to submit your package at the elections office. We recommend submitting early to avoid any potential issues. Visit the nomination process page on edmonton.ca/elections for more information.











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