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# Newsletter



## A word from the Returning Officer

Every election period, Edmonton Elections receives complaints about many different aspects of the election process.

While complaints are directed our way, Edmonton Elections' mandate is actually quite limited. Our mandate is the administration of the 2025 Edmonton Election. As Returning Officer, I make decisions around voting processes, accepting nomination packages and local political party and third-party advertiser registrations. If you have a complaint about election finances or third-party advertising, the provincial Election Commissioner is responsible for investigations. If you're concerned about election signs or political activities at City Hall – matters covered by City bylaws and policies – your complaints are still best directed to 311.

Some concerns fall outside the scope of current election legislation, bylaws or City policies.

Elections are important and people are passionate about what they believe in and who they support. Elections can be contentious, Edmonton Elections will do our best to provide clear information. We will continue to take the steps necessary to deliver a safe, fair and transparent election.

- Aileen Giesbrecht, City Clerk and Returning Officer

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## Worker recruitment begins

With less than 100 days until the 2025 Edmonton Election, recruitment is now underway to hire the more than 4,000 election workers needed to fill more than 5,000 positions for Election Day and advance voting.

The [online application](#) is now available and a wide variety of positions are available, from half-day and full-day shifts, to week-long advance voting to emergency standby positions.

Edmonton Elections will be hosting a virtual information session on opportunities to work the 2025 Edmonton Election. Join us on July 31 at noon for a 30-minute virtual information session that will cover opportunities to work at voting stations (Election Day, advance voting, institutional voting), new vote-counting shifts, as well as the next steps for those interested in applying.

The recording will be available online afterward for those who are unable to attend live.

[Learn more](#)

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## Special Ballots

Beginning August 1, Edmontonians can apply to vote by special ballot.

New provincial legislation has expanded eligibility for special ballots, which are sent by mail or dropped off at Edmonton Elections. In the past, special ballots were restricted to individuals unable to vote in person because they were away from Edmonton, had mobility challenges or were working the election.

Election Day or advance voting may not work for you, or you may know someone who is able to benefit from special ballots. Some examples include caregivers, individuals with limited access to transportation, or Edmontonians with health challenges.

If you apply, your special ballot packages will be sent out after nominations are finalized and ballots are printed in late September. Applications for mail delivery are accepted until October 13, or a special ballot package can be picked up or accepted at the Elections Office until 7 p.m. on Election Day.

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## Voter registration

Earlier this month, Edmonton Elections hosted a media availability showing Edmontonians how to verify their information in advance of the 2025 Edmonton Election.

New provincial legislation requires Edmonton Elections to maintain an ongoing list of eligible voters. A voters list will be compiled using the provincial [Voterlink](#) system, which already includes approximately 700,000 Edmontonians. It only takes a couple of minutes to double-check your voter information, and new registrations require an Alberta driver's licence or ID card.

Eligible voters who miss the August 15 advance registration deadline can register in person when voting on Election Day or at any other voting opportunity.

Update now

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## Reminder: Campaigning prohibited at City-owned facilities

Elections are often all about public spaces: parks and transit, roads and recreation facilities. Yet when it comes to campaigns, rules exist to ensure these public spaces remain neutral.

The City of Edmonton manages sports fields, recreation facilities and neighbourhood playgrounds, as well as iconic institutions, like City Hall, the Muttart Conservatory and Edmonton Valley Zoo.

The following policies and procedures speak directly to the permitted uses of City facilities:

- [\*\*City Hall Public Space Use Policy\*\*](#), which states City Hall is a non-partisan location and, as such, may not be used for any campaigning activities.
- [\*\*Reserving City Facilities Administrative Policy\*\*](#), which states that City of Edmonton facilities may not be reserved for the purposes of “promoting or opposing a candidate.”
- [\*\*Reserving City Facilities Procedure\*\*](#), which states that the use of space in City of Edmonton facilities for public campaign activities is not permitted.

If you have additional questions about the use of City facilities, feel free to contact 311.

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## Mark your calendar

**July 31:** Work the Election Virtual Information Session

**August 1:** Special ballot application opens

## IMPORTANT DATES



**August 15:** Deadline to verify your information on the permanent electors register. Visit [voterlink.ab.ca](https://voterlink.ab.ca) to check your information. (If you miss the deadline you can still register on Election Day or other voting opportunities)

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## Stay connected with us!

Our team has launched [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts. These social channels are new this year and will make it easier for more Edmontonians to get the information they need to participate in the 2025 Edmonton Election. And for those of you who have followed us for years on [Twitter/X](#), we'll still be posting there as well.

Follow us and be a part of the conversation.

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## Neighbourhood maps

Neighbourhoods make up City of Edmonton wards and school division wards. Use the lookup tool to find a list of neighbourhood maps that belong to a specific ward.

Explore now

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## We have over 80 nominated candidates!

Candidates continue to complete the nomination process. As of today, there are:

- 5 candidates for Mayor
- 54 nominated candidates for Councillor
- 20 candidates for Edmonton Public School Board Trustee
- 5 candidates for Edmonton Separate Catholic School Board Trustee

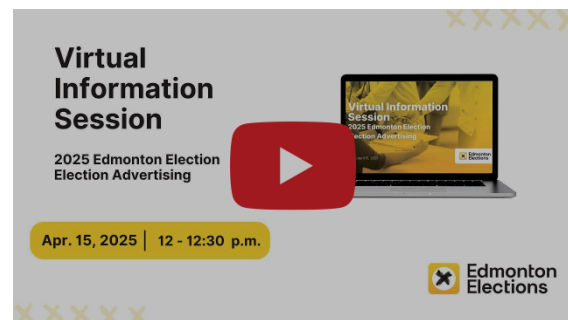
The deadline for candidates to submit their nomination is September 22 at noon. On Nomination Day, submissions will be accepted at City Hall. For full details on how to run for Mayor, Councillor or School Board Trustee, visit [edmonton.ca/elections](https://edmonton.ca/elections).

See the list

## Virtual information sessions

### 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

### Campaign Finance Requirements

This session covered information on campaign finances and candidate disclosure requirements. View the recording to better understand reporting obligations, including the March 3, 2025 deadline for candidates who submitted a written notice of intent in 2024.



Watch now

# July's top 3 FAQs

## 1. I'm not able to vote on October 20. What are my options?

If you're eligible to vote, you have multiple options even if Election Day doesn't work for you.

Advance voting takes place between October 7 and 11, and voting stations will be open in every ward. Also during that week, institutional voting opportunities will be offered at post-secondary institutions, hospitals and seniors facilities. These institutional opportunities are not open to the general public, but are aimed at individuals who may not otherwise be able to vote.

If those options don't work for you, you can always request a special ballot and submit by mail or in person at the Edmonton Elections office.

## 2. When will voting station locations be announced?

Information cards will be sent to all Edmontonians on our registry, which is another reason to make sure your information is up to date. These cards will be sent in late September. We will also be publishing voting locations on [edmonton.ca/elections](https://edmonton.ca/elections).

## 3. With changes to legislation, when will candidates and local political parties need to submit their next financial disclosure?

This spring, the Government of Alberta introduced a new requirement for candidates, political parties and third-party advertisers to submit an interim campaign disclosure during an election year. This covers the period between January 1 and July 31 and must be submitted by September 30.

All candidates who submitted a notice of intent will also be required to submit an annual campaign disclosure for all of 2025. The deadline for the complete 2025 disclosure is March 2, 2026.

More information will be included in the next newsletter and at [edmonton.ca/elections](https://edmonton.ca/elections).



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