

A word from the Returning Officer

Edmonton Elections is now required to use a permanent electors register for the 2025 Edmonton Election. New provincial legislation requires Edmonton Elections to maintain an ongoing list of eligible voters.

Edmonton Elections is building the list using the provincial **Voterlink** system, which already has approximately 700,000 entries from eligible Edmontonians. However, the list may not reflect Edmontonians who recently moved, become eligible for the first time, or who may not have recently filed tax returns.

Edmontonians eligible to vote in the municipal election are encouraged to register — or check their information — before August 15 to be on the list in time for Election Day. Information on the registration process is available at **edmonton.ca/elections**. Eligible voters who miss the advance registration deadline, in-person registration is available on Election Day or any other voting opportunity.

- Aileen Giesbrecht, City Clerk and Returning Officer



Register to vote

Update your voter information by August 15. Visit <u>voterlink.ab.ca</u> to check your information.

Update now

Mark your calendar



July 22: Work the Election Virtual Information Session

August 15: Deadline to verify your information on the permanent electors register. Visit **voterlink.ab.ca** to check your information.

Stay connected with us!

Our team has launched <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u> 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 <u>Twitter/X</u>, we'll still be posting there as well.

Follow us and be a part of the conversation.

New accessibility option

Not every Edmontonian is able to mark an X in the same way. Thanks to recent amendments to provincial legislation and the Election Bylaw, Edmontonians living with disabilities will now have multiple options for voting in the 2025 Edmonton Election.

Elector assistance terminals allow voters with disabilities to independently mark their ballot using a variety of accessibility tools. These machines will be offered at all ward-based advance voting stations and at one city-wide station on Election Day (Oct. 20). Ballots marked using these terminals will be included in hand counts.

We're asking candidates to provide a voice recording of their names, spoken clearly and with correct pronunciation. A candidate's voice will not be used in the voting

process, but we will use it to ensure the terminal correctly identifies each candidate for voters who are blind or partially sighted.

Edmonton Elections will be reaching out to candidates directly to request this voice recording. If you have any questions or don't hear from Edmonton Elections, please contact us at elections@edmonton.ca.

Find your ward!

Minor changes have been made to align municipal ward boundaries with school divisions. Explore the updated maps and the find your ward tool on our website to see which ward you're in.

Explore now

We have over 60 nominated candidates!

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

- 3 candidates for Mayor
- 44 nominated candidates for Councillor
- 18 candidates for Edmonton Public School Board Trustee
- 3 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 <u>edmonton.ca/elections</u>.

See the list

Upcoming virtual information session: working the election

Join us on July 22 at noon for a 30-minute virtual information session about working the 2025 Edmonton Election.

This session will cover:

- Opportunities to work at voting stations (Election Day, Advance Voting, Institutional Voting)
- Staffing needs to manage the new hand-counting requirements (we expect to hire approx. 5,000 workers)
- Next steps for those interested in applying

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

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



Watch now

June's top 3 FAQs

1. Are elector assistance terminals new?

Elector assistance terminals have been used in multiple elections in Edmonton and are widely used in other jurisdictions. These machines are designed to help individuals who would otherwise be unable to vote, such as people with vision loss or who don't have the ability to use a pen or pencil to mark a ballot.

2. When does hiring for the 2025 Edmonton Election begin?

The City is currently hiring past election workers and internal staff. External hiring is expected to begin in mid-July. Information will be shared on our website, social media, the July newsletter and with those who submitted the expression of interest form.

3. If as an eligible elector, I don't register by August 15, can I still vote?

Yes. While we're encouraging people to check their information in advance by August 15, anyone who is eligible to vote can register when they go to vote.











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