

2022 Candidate Information

Important Election Related Dates

- **Monday May 2**– First day Nominations can be accepted by the Municipal Clerk for Council and School Board Elections
- **Friday August 19 @ 2 pm** – Nominations Close. All Nomination forms must be submitted no later than 2:00 pm on this day to be considered for the ballot.
- **Monday August 22**– Clerk Certifies all candidates
- **Thursday September 1** – Candidates can begin requesting the Voter's List for their ward
- **Friday October 14 @ 9 am** – advanced Voting begins
- **Monday October 24** - Election Day. All voting must be completed by 8 pm this day.
- **Tuesday November 15** – First day of Term of Council 2022-2026

Note: Campaign period begins when the Candidate files their nomination papers and end on October 23, 2022

Voting Information

For the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election, the Municipality of West Elgin will be using alternative voting methods, exclusively. Which means that eligible electors can vote by telephone or on-line 24 hours a day between 9:00 am October 14, 2022, and 8:00 pm October 24, 2022.

Voter Help Centre's will be open and staffed throughout the entire voting period:

Municipal Office
2213 Hoskins Line
Rodney ON
Dates:
October 14-24
Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Rodney Recreation Centre
135 Queens Street
Rodney ON
Dates:
October 15 & October 22
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

West Lorne Complex
160 Main Street
West Lorne ON
Dates:
October 15 & October 22
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Eligible voters will be mailed their Voter Instruction Letter in mid-September. This letter will contain their Personal Identification Number, which is required along with the voter's birthdate to vote, the secure URL or website address for on-line voting and the dedicated telephone number for voting by telephone.

Voters' Eligibility

A person is eligible to vote if they are:

- A Canadian Citizen
- At least 18 years of age

- Residing in West Elgin, or an owner of property or tenant of land in the Municipality or the spouse of such an owner or tenant. (Trailer parks that allow for tenancy for at least 6 consecutive calendar months qualify as a tenant)

Persons can check if they are on the voter's list at www.voterlookup.ca Should a person need to amend or correct information on the voter's list Candidates are to direct them to the Clerk.

West Elgin Council Meetings

Generally West Elgin Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. In December of each year a meeting schedule is approved by Council for the next calendar year. These meetings are held at 160 Main Street, West Lorne and are broadcasted over Zoom, with recordings placed on the Municipality of West Elgin YouTube Channel.

The agenda is prepared by the Clerk and distributed by 12:30pm on the Tuesday before the meeting, in accordance with the procedural by-law. All agendas are published on the Municipal website www.westelgin.net

Important Dates for New Council Term

- **November 5** – Elgin County New Councillor Orientation (time tbd)
- **November 17** – Inaugural Council Meeting at 7 pm – this is the meeting that the new Council takes their Oath of Office in front of family and friends and official photos of the Council are taken.
- **November 21** – Committee of the Whole Meeting 9:30 am – this will be the first training session for the new Council. In this session Council will be provided an overview of meetings and committees, the procedural by-law and their role within the Municipality. Council will then be provided one on one time at 15 minute intervals with each department representative to learn about municipal operations.
- **November 24** – Council meeting
- **November 28** – Committee of the Whole Meeting 9:30 am – Tour of Municipally owned buildings and properties (most likely a full day)
- **December 5** – Integrity Commissioner presentation on conflict of interest, closed meetings, Code of Conduct, Council/Staff relations. Municipal staff will provide the required training on Harassment and Violence in the Workplace, Accessibility and Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation.
- **December 8** – Council meeting

Candidate Guide from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has created a on-line 2022 Municipal Elections Guide for Candidates, Voters and Third Party Advertisers Guides. These can be accessed: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/municipal-elections>