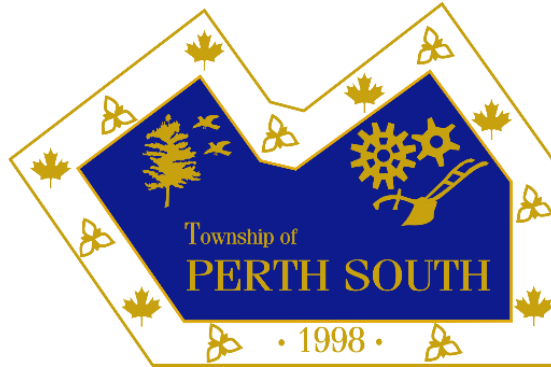




2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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1.0 CANDIDATE GUIDE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The Township of Perth South Clerk's Office has prepared this information package for those seeking election or re-election for Municipal Council or School Board Trustee on October 26, 2026. It is general in nature. Candidates should refer to the Municipal Act, 2001 or Municipal Elections Act, 1996 ([MEA](#)) for specific provisions.

The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing publishes a [Candidates' Guide for Municipal & School Board Elections](#). This guide provides relevant local information. It is recommended that you consider this, and the applicable legislation, as your first source of information.

2.0 OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

Township of Perth South Council

- Mayor – one (1) to be elected
- Councillor – six (6) to be elected

School Boards

- Avon Maitland District School Board (English)
 - Two (2) to be elected by public school board electors of the Township
- Huron-Perth Catholic Separate School Board (English)
 - One (1) to be elected by separate school board electors of the Township
- Conseil Scolaire Viamonde - French Language School Board
 - One (1) to be elected by French language electors of the Township
- Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence – French Language District Separate School Board
 - One (1) to be elected by French language separate school electors of the Township

3.0 ELIGIBILITY – MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Refer to Section 256-258 of the Municipal Act, 2001; Section 17 & 29-30 of the [MEA](#).

Eligible & Ineligible Candidates

Eligible Candidate

- A person must be eligible to hold office on the day they file their Nomination Paper.

- Every person qualified to be an elector is qualified to hold office as long as they are not disqualified by the Municipal Act or any other Act.
- Canadian citizen, resident, owner, tenant (or spouse of) of land in the Township.

Ineligible Candidate

- An employee who has not taken an unpaid leave of absence and resigned (see below), a judge of a court, MP, MPP, Senator or an inmate serving a sentence in a penal or correctional institution.
- Any person not qualified **to be an elector**.

Qualified Elector

- On Voting Day, resides in or is the owner or tenant (or spouse of) of land in the Township;
- Is a Canadian Citizen;
- Is at least 18 years old;
- Despite the definition of “owner or tenant” and “tenant” in Section 17 of the Municipal Elections Act, the province may make Regulations that specify the circumstances in which a person is, and is not, considered to be a tenant for the purposes of the Act.
- See Section 8 for additional information about qualified voters.

Municipal Employees

- A municipal employee must take unpaid leave of absence before they file their Nomination Paper.
- If they are elected, they must resign from their job. They cannot work for a municipality and be on its council at the same time.
- A volunteer firefighter as defined in the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 is not considered an employee.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY – SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Refer to Section 219 of the Education Act; Section 30 of the [MEA](#).

In order to run for a trustee position on a school board, a person must be a resident within the jurisdiction of the Board, and eligible to vote in a school board election. On the day they file their Nomination Paper, they must be a Canadian Citizen aged 18 years or older. They

must also meet any other qualifications to vote for the school board (i.e. being a Roman Catholic or hold French language rights).

If a person is an employee of any Ontario school board and they wish to run for a trustee position, they must take an unpaid leave of absence before they file their Nomination Paper. If they are elected, they must resign from their job. They cannot work for a school board or be a trustee in Ontario at the same time.

5.0 NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Refer to Section 33 of the [MEA](#).

See the [Candidates' Guide for Municipal & School Board Elections](#) for specific information about filing your nomination, the nomination fee, endorsement signatures, deadlines, withdrawing or changing the nomination, acclamations and what happens if not enough nominations are filed with the Clerk.

Campaign Resources – AMO

The “Healthy Democracy Project”, spearheaded by AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario), provides resources to citizens, candidates and municipalities in an effort to foster a healthier municipal democracy and participation in local government.

- [Leading with Respect Handguides](#) – promotes civility in local government
- [Turn Up the Turnout](#) – provides resources to increase voter participation
- [Local Democracy Solutions Bank 2.0](#) – is a catalogue of Candidate resources
- [Lead Where you Live](#) – is a guide for anyone considering running in the 2026 municipal election.
- [Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities](#) – Online (Zoom) Workshop

Nomination Forms and Filing Information

To become a Candidate for election, the nominee must complete and submit the provincially prescribed [Nomination Paper - Form 1](#).

The form will be available at the Clerk’s Office from Friday May 1, 2026, to Thursday, August 20, 2026, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026, and on the municipal website.

Nominations must be submitted on the Nomination Paper – Form 1 and filed with the Clerk or designate in the following manner:

- In person or through an agent;
- During the dates and hours mentioned above;
- With the prescribed nomination fee of \$200.00 for Head of Council and \$100.00 for all other offices – the filing fee shall be paid by cash, debit, certified cheque, or money order.
- With proof of identity and residence as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13 and proof of citizenship satisfactory to the Clerk.

NOTE: Candidates for Perth South municipal council are not required to submit 25 signatures for endorsement of their nomination as there are fewer than 4,000 electors in the Township.

No electronically transmitted nomination related forms will be accepted. Original signatures are required on all nomination related forms.

It is strongly recommended that Candidates contact the Clerk to make an appointment to file a Nomination Paper. The Clerk or designate will review all election material and collect necessary signatures from the Candidate during the meeting.

During the meeting with the Clerk, the Clerk will review the following additional forms and notices with the Candidate or agent:

Candidate Nomination – Additional Materials

At the meeting with the Clerk, the nomination process will also include the following:

- Offering the Candidate to sign and submit the
 - Notice of Collection and Consent to Release Personal Information Form
 - Declaration of Proper Use of the Voters' List

The Clerk may also provide the Candidate with forms, manuals, guides, corporate policies for reference or future use.

Endorsement of Nomination

Refer to Section 33 of the [MEA](#).

As previously noted, candidates for Perth South municipal council are not required to submit 25 signatures for endorsement of their nomination as there are fewer than 4,000 electors in the Township.

Withdrawing a Nomination

Refer to Section 36 of the [MEA](#).

Candidates may withdraw their Nomination by filing, in person, by submitting a “Withdrawal of Nomination” Form EL19 with the Clerk before 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, Friday, August 21, 2026, if the person was nominated on or before Nomination Day; and before 2:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following Nomination Day (August 26, 2026), if the person was nominated under Section 33(5) – Additional Nominations. The withdrawal shall be noted on the Unofficial List of Candidates posted by the Clerk.

Certified Candidates

Refer to Section 35 and 37 of the [MEA](#).

After **Nomination Day (August 21, 2026)**, if satisfied that the Candidate is qualified to be nominated, the Clerk shall certify the Nomination by signing the Nomination Paper.

The Clerk must examine and certify (or reject) all nominations by **4:00 p.m. on Monday August 24, 2026**. The Clerk must declare any candidates elected by acclamation at the same time.

The final list of Certified Candidates will be posted at the Municipal Office and on the website on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

If the Clerk rejects a nomination, notice will be provided as soon as possible to the individual seeking nomination and to all candidates. The Clerk’s decision to certify or reject a nomination is final.

If, at 4:00 p.m. on **Monday August 24, 2026**, the number of certified candidates for an office is the same as or less than the number to be elected, the Clerk shall immediately declare the Candidate or candidates as elected by acclamation.

If the number of nominations certified for an office is less than the number of persons to be elected to an office, additional nominations may be filed between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following Nomination Day.

6.0 CAMPAIGNING

See the [Candidates' Guide for Municipal & School Board Elections](#) for specific information campaigning and campaign finances. The provincial Guide provides information regarding record keeping, bank accounts, contributions, fundraising, expenses, inventory, the Financial Statement and surplus/deficits.

Campaign Period

Refer to Section 88.24 of the [MEA](#).

- Campaign Period begins on the date that Nomination Papers are filed.
- Campaign Period ends on December 31, 2026, unless nomination was withdrawn, Candidate was not certified, or the campaign is extended to pay down a deficit.
- Candidates can start campaigning after the Nomination Paper is filed.

Campaigning

Refer to Section 88.3 of the [MEA](#).

Responsibility for Information

Information on advertising and campaign material is the responsibility of the Candidate or Registered Third-Party. The Township takes no responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of information provided in campaign materials.

Authority of the Clerk

If the Clerk is satisfied that there has been a contravention of the Act (i.e. Candidates' election campaign advertisements or Registered Third-Party advertisements) the Clerk may require a person who the Township reasonably believes contravened the Act or caused or permitted the contravention, or the owner or occupier of the land on which the contravention occurred, to remove the advertisement or discontinue the advertising.

Start of Campaign Period

Campaigning, campaign advertising, spending money or accepting contributions (including money, goods or services) is not permitted until a Candidate files their nomination papers with the Clerk or the Clerk certifies the registration of a Third-Party Advertiser.

Corporate Policy – Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes

Section 88.18 of the Act requires that a municipality establishes rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal resources during the election campaign period. As such, the corporate “Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes” policy was adopted by Council in 2009, and includes the following:

- Corporate resources and funding may not be used for any election-related purposes;
- Staff may not canvass or actively work in support of a municipal candidate or party during normal working hours unless they are on a leave of absence without pay, lieu time, float day, or vacation leave;
- Members of Council may not use their constituency office, or any municipally-provided facilities for any election-related purposes, which includes displaying of any campaign related signs in the window or on the premises, as well as, displaying any election-related material in the office;
- The budgets for members of Council for the period January 1 to Election Day in a municipal election year be restricted to 11/12ths of the approved annual budget amount with the provision that subsequent to election day:
 - New members of Council be allocated a budget equal to 1/12th of the approved budget amount for the month of December; and
 - Re-elected members of Council have available to them the balance of funds remaining as of Election Day;
- The following be discontinued for members of Council from the day prior to Nomination Day in a municipal election year to Election Day:
 - All forms of advertising, including in municipal publications;
 - All printing, high speed photocopying and distribution, including printing and general distribution of newsletters unless so directed and approved by the Council;
 - The ordering of office furniture and furnishings, except those of an emergency nature, as well as, no movement of furniture and furnishings; and
 - The ordering of stationery;
- Members of Council may not deliver any unsolicited material outside their existing ward where the printing and/or distribution costs are paid by the Municipality. Care should be taken to ensure that the mailing of newsletters be restricted to the member’s ward only (with accommodation made for the normal spillage associated with Canada Post postal walks). This recommendation to be effective not only during an election year but at all times;
- Members of Council may not:

- Print or distribute any material paid by Municipal funds that illustrates that a Member of Council or any other individual is registered in any election or where they will be running for office;
- Profile (name or photograph), or make reference to, in any material paid by Municipal funds, any individual who is registered as a candidate in any election;
- Print or distribute any material using Municipal funds that makes reference to, or contains the names or photographs, or identifies registered candidates for municipal elections; and that Minutes of Municipal Council and Committee meetings be exempt from this policy; and
- Enter into joint ventures using Municipal funds outside their existing wards from September 25 to Election Day, in the year of a municipal election, unless specifically approved by Council. At all other times a signed agreement between Ward Councillors is required;
- Members of Council are responsible to ensure that the content of any communications material, including printed material such as newsletters, advertising, etc. funded by the Municipality for the operation of each Councillor's Office, is not directly election-related;
- Web sites or domain names that are funded by the Municipality may not include any election-related campaign material;
- Members of Council may not use the Municipality's voice mail system to record election related messages;
- The above recommendations also apply to an acclaimed member or a member not seeking re-election.

Third-Party Advertising

- Third-party advertising refers to any advertisement or communication that is produced independently of a candidate or their campaign, that seeks to support or oppose a candidate, or to encourage a "yes" or "no" vote on a ballot question.
- Third-party advertising must be conducted entirely separate from a candidate's campaign. Any materials created, distributed, or directed by a candidate or their campaign team are considered part of the candidate's official campaign activities, not third-party advertising.
- This form of advertising allows individuals or organizations outside a campaign to express their views on candidates or ballot issues and to attempt to influence voter decision-making.

- A third-party advertisement may appear in broadcast, print, electronic, or any other medium, and includes any content that promotes, supports, or opposes a candidate or a particular response to a ballot question. This encompasses traditional advertisements as well as materials such as brochures, signs, and similar communications.

Register as a Third-Party Advertiser

- Any individual, corporation, or trade union must register with the Municipal Clerk in order to act as a third-party advertiser within a municipality. Registration is completed by submitting the [Notice of Registration – Third Party \(Form 7\)](#). Once registered, a third-party advertiser is permitted to communicate with and advertise to voters in that municipality.
- A registered third-party advertiser may choose to support or oppose any candidate appearing on the ballot for that municipality. This includes candidates for local council, school board trustee, and upper-tier municipal offices.

Campaign Finances, Bank Accounts & Contributions

Refer to Section 88 of the [MEA](#).

- Candidates must open a bank account if they accept any contributions (including money from themselves) or incur any expenses.
- The Nomination Fee is considered to be a personal expense. The nomination fee will be refunded if you file your campaign financial statement by the deadline.
- All contributions must be deposited into the campaign account. All expenses must be paid out of the campaign account.
- Inventory from previous campaigns (i.e. signs) used in the 2022 campaign must be reported using the current market value as a contribution to their campaign.
- Likewise, reusable campaign materials must be valued and reported as closing inventory.
- If a Candidate uses their credit card for purchases, they should make sure they keep clear, defensible records showing that the expense was reimbursed from the campaign account.
- A “contribution” means money, goods & services. A discount is considered a contribution.
- Volunteer labour, donations under \$25, free advertising available to all candidates are not considered a “contribution”.

- Contributions must only be accepted from Ontario residents, the Candidate and their spouse.
- Contributions are not permitted from corporations, trade unions, federal/provincial parties.

Contribution Limitations & Limits

Refer to [MEA](#) and [Ontario Regulation 101/97](#)

- Contributions over \$25 shall not be made in cash.
- No contributor may contribute more than \$1200 to any one candidate in an election and no more than \$5000 to two or more candidates for the office on the same Council.
- A preliminary maximum campaign spending limit is provided to each candidate upon filing Nomination Papers.
- **Tip:** Unincorporated groups (i.e. law partnership) can contribute to a campaign, but the Candidate should request a list of individual contributors and amounts contributed, issue receipts to individual contributors, report the contributions on the Candidate's financial disclosure as individual contributions.
- For additional information about expenses related to the holding of parties and other expressions of appreciation after the close of voting, please refer to the provincial Candidate Guide.

Campaign Financial Reporting & Compliance Audits

Refer to Section 88.22 of the [MEA](#).

- Candidates must issue a receipt for every contribution over \$25.
- Candidates must list the name and address of every contributor of more than \$100 in the Financial Statement.
- If a Nomination Paper was filed, a Financial Statement must be filed.
- Candidates must retain financial records until the successor Council of the next regular election is organized.
- Financial Statements (Financial Statement – Auditors Report, Candidate – Form 4) must be filed on or before **March 30, 2027**.
- Campaign surplus (after refund contribution made by themselves or spouse) must be paid to the Clerk at the time of filing Financial Statement.
- Campaign deficits can be carried forward to the next election (same Council), or the campaign can be extended to permit additional fundraising.

- Any eligible voter who believes a Candidate has contravened the election finance rules may apply for a compliance audit of their campaign finances. Application must be in writing, set out reasons and submitted to the Clerk within 90 days of the deadline to file the Financial Statement.
- See Section 88.33 of the Municipal Elections Act to read about the powers of the Compliance Audit Committee.

7.0 ACCESSIBILITY – VOTERS & CANDIDATES

Refer to Section 12.1, 88.19(3) and 88.20(4) of the [MEA](#).

Clerk’s Responsibilities

The Clerk shall make every effort to accommodate the needs of voters and Candidates with disabilities. When requested, all documents are available in alternative formats.

Expenses that are incurred by a Candidate with a disability that are directly related to the disability and would not have been incurred but for the election, are excluded from the permitted spending limit for the Candidate.

The Clerk shall prepare an Election Accessibility Plan and make it available to the public before Voting Date. The Plan will be included in the Clerk’s Election Procedures, posted on the municipal website and available from the Clerk’s Office. The Clerk will also prepare a report outlining how the Township identified, removed and prevented barriers that affect voters and candidates with disabilities.

Candidate Responsibilities

Candidates are encouraged to make their campaign as accessible as possible to voters with disabilities. The AMCTO has published the [Candidate’s Guide to Accessible Elections](#) to assist.

8.0 INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

Candidates play a key role in communication with voters. The following information is general in nature. We encourage all candidates and voters to refer to the municipal website or contact the Clerk’s Office for the most current information.

Voter Qualifications – Qualified Electors

Refer to Section 17 of the [MEA](#).

A person is entitled to be an elector if, on Voting Day, they:

- Are a Canadian Citizen; and
- Are at least eighteen (18) years old; and
- Reside in the Township of Perth South, or are the owner or tenant of land in the Township, or are the spouse of such person; and
- Are not otherwise prohibited from voting.

Persons Prohibited from Voting

The following are prohibited from voting:

- A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal correctional institution;
- A corporation;
- A person acting as executor or trustee in any other representative capacity;
- A person who was convicted of corrupt practice described in subsection 90 (3) of the Municipal Elections Act, if voting day in the current election is less than five (5) years after voting day in the election in respect of which they were convicted.

Definition of Residence

For the purpose of the [MEA](#), a person's residence is the permanent lodging place to which, whenever absent, they intend to return. These provisions exist to allow for the unhoused to be enumerated and to vote. The following rules apply in determining a person's residence:

- A person may only have one residence at a time;
- The place where a person's family resides is also their residence, unless they move elsewhere with the intention of changing their permanent lodging place;
- If a person has no other permanent lodging place, the place they habitually return is their residence.

Students

A person may have residence in two locations at the same time if the person lives in one municipality in order to attend school, but not with the intention of changing their

permanent lodging place. A student can vote in the municipality where they attend school, and they can also vote where they live.

Getting on the Voters' List

The Voters' List is a list of eligible voters managed by Elections Ontario. The Permanent Register of Electors of Ontario can be found at <https://vreg.registertovoteon.ca/en/home>. This list contains each elector's name, address, and date of birth, and is used to confirm voter eligibility and to send a Voting Kit. Individuals can check to see if they are on the list or register by visiting Elections Ontario's Registration Portal until **August 12, 2026**.

NOTE: More information to come for registering directly with the Township of Perth South after August 12, 2026.

Electors should review their school support designation and can change it online using the [MPAC AboutMyProperty](#) portal (or online portal for tenants).

Vote By Mail – Election Manual

The Council of the Township of Perth South adopted By-law 46-2025 authorizing the use of the Vote By Mail method of voting. The Municipal Elections Act requires that the Clerk establish and publish forms and procedures to conduct the election. A copy of the "2026 Clerk's Procedures" will be provided to each candidate and published on the municipal website.

Revisions to the Voters' List

Applications to revise the Voters' List begins on **September 1, 2026** (add, remove or change voter information). Applications must be made in writing on the appropriate form and submitted to the Clerk, or designated Election Official at the Municipal Office.

Replacing Voting Kits

The Voters' List is the database used to mail the Voting Kits to each eligible elector. If a qualified elector does not receive a Voting Kit, in all likelihood this means that they are not on the Voter's List. An elector must attend the Municipal Office to receive a Voting Kit. Electors must have the appropriate identification and complete the required form in person.

If an elector receives more than one Voter Kit, they may only vote one time and must return the unused Voter Kit to the Municipal Office.

Tampering with the mail includes stealing mail, redirecting it without consent, or damaging it. The penalty for tampering with mail can be severe. All complaints relating to tampering will be taken seriously and reported to the authorities.

9.0 TOWNSHIP OF PERTH SOUTH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Composition

The Township of Perth South Council is composed of the Mayor and six (6) Councillors. A Deputy Mayor is appointed by Council. There is a total of seven (7) members of Council.

Roles & Responsibilities

Refer to Sections 224-226.1 of the [MEA](#).

The Ontario Municipal Act, 2001 sets out the roles and responsibilities of Council and staff. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has published [The Ontario Municipal Councillor Guide](#).

The Guide reviews topics such as Accountability & Transparency measures, definition of a meeting (including Closed meetings), the role of Council, municipal powers, fiscal responsibilities, land use planning, building regulations, emergency management, etc.

One of the first, and most important acts as a member of a municipal Council is to make the Declaration of Office. The Declaration includes the following four promises:

- I will truly, faithfully and impartially exercise this office to the best of my knowledge and ability.
- I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward, or promise thereof, for the exercise of this office in a biased, corrupt or any improper manner.
- I will disclose any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.
- I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III.

Boards & Committees

At the start of each new term of Council, appointments are made to various boards and committees that the Township has an interest in. The following is a listing of the current boards and committees.

- Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC)

- Biddulph-Blanshard Fire Area Board
- St. Pauls Athletic Association
- Property Standards Committee
- Perth County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Fence Viewers
- Livestock Valuers

Perth County Council

Perth County Council is made up of representatives from the four Lower-Tier member municipalities within the County's geographic boundaries.

- **North Perth** – 3 representatives with 2 votes each
- **West Perth** – 2 representatives with 2 votes each
- **Perth East** – 3 representatives with 2 votes each
- **Perth South** – 2 representatives with 1 vote each

The Warden is elected by County Council each year.

A copy of the County Council meeting schedule is available on the Perth County website ([The County of Perth - Meeting Schedule](#)).

Inaugural Meeting & Regular Meeting Schedule

The Municipal Act states that a Candidate shall not take a seat on Council until the person takes the Declaration of Office. The Inaugural Meeting of Council is scheduled for **Tuesday November 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** Details of this event will be available closer to the date.

Details of the Inaugural Meeting of Perth County Council will be available closer to the date.

The Council meeting schedule is established in accordance with the Township of Perth South Procedure By-law. Council meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month commencing at 9:30 a.m. and the 3rd Tuesday of the month commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Agendas are published by 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday before the meeting.

Council Remuneration & Technology Provided

Council Remuneration:

Council remuneration is established by by-law. Members are paid an annual honourarium plus a meeting per diem.

Annual Honourarium:

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|----------------|-------------|
| • Mayor | \$ 9,914.40 |
| • Deputy Mayor | \$ 6,676.32 |
| • Councillor | \$ 5,698.20 |

Committee & Board Per Diem:

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| • Committee Meeting Rate | \$ 75.00 |
| • Full Day Rate (+6hrs) | \$ 200.00 |
| • Half Day Rate (-6hrs) | \$ 145.00 |

Candidates should consider the impact of Council remuneration on their personal income tax circumstances.

Technology Provided:

Council Members shall be issued the following devices and/or electronic tools at the beginning of their term of office:

- One (1) corporate standard electronic device (corporate standard to be determined by the Township.
- One (1) corporate email address.
- Corporate standard software identified (i.e. electronic agenda software) as essential to the business of the Township, to be determined by the Township.

Council Orientation

Township staff, experts and other representatives will provide the newly formed Council with the training and information necessary to fill their roles and responsibilities.

Attendance at Council Orientation should be considered a priority.

Information about the Township of Perth South Council Orientation event(s) will be available closer to the date.

10.0 HELPFUL LINKS

Provincial Legislation & Guides

[Municipal Act, 2001](#)

[Municipal Elections Act, 1996](#)

[Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990](#)

[Candidates' Guide for Municipal & School Board Elections](#)

[Ontario Municipal Councillor's Guide](#)

[2026 Voters' Guide – Ontario Municipal Council & School Board Elections](#)

[O.Reg. 304/13 Voter Identification](#)

[Provincial “How Municipalities and Ontario Work Together”](#)

[Association of Ontario Municipalities – How Local Governments Work](#)

[Candidate's Guide to Accessible Elections](#)

[Elections Ontario Register to Vote site](#)

11.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

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**TOWNSHIP OF PERTH SOUTH
2026 CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACKAGE**

KEY DATES

DATE	ITEM	NOTES
Friday May 1, 2026	Nominations may be filed at a time when the Clerk's office is open (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)	
Friday May 1, 2026	Third-Party Advertiser notice of registration may be filed at a time when the Clerk's office is open (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)	
Friday August 21, 2026	Nomination Day Nominations may be filed between 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	
Friday August 21, 2026	Last day and time for a candidate to withdraw their nomination by filing a written notice, delivered in-person, to the Clerk (before 2:00 p.m.)	After this date and time, the name of the candidate will remain on the ballot.
Monday August 24, 2026	Clerk examines candidate nominations and if satisfied, certifies nominations (by 4:00 p.m.)	
Monday August 24, 2026	If at 4:00 p.m. the number of certified candidates for an office is the same as or less than the number to be elected, the Clerk shall immediately declare the candidate(s) elected by acclamation (by 4:00 p.m.)	
Tuesday September 1, 2026	Clerk to produce the Voters List; revision period begins.	A copy of the applicable parts of the Voters List will be provided to candidates and registered Third-Party Advertisers.
Thursday September 10, 2026	Last date for changes to the Voters' List before Voting Kits are mailed.	After this date, eligible electors will have to attend the Municipal Office to obtain a Voting Kit in-person.
Thursday September 24, 2026	Projected date for Voter Kits mailed through Canada Post.	
Wednesday September 30, 2026	Clerk to provide an interim list of changes to each person who received a copy of the Voters List.	

Wednesday September 30, 2026	Clerk to provide candidates and registered Third-Party Advertisers the Final Certificate of Maximum Expenses.	
Friday October 23, 2026	Last day and time for Third-Party Advertisers to file a notice of registration with the Clerk (by 4:30 p.m.)	
Friday October 23, 2026	Last day and time for a Third-Party Advertiser to withdraw their registration by filing a written notice, delivered in-person, to the Clerk.	
Monday October 26, 2026	Voting Day Voter Kits must be delivered to the Municipal Office before the close of voting at 8:00 p.m.	
Tuesday October 27, 2026	The Clerk shall, as soon as possible after Voting Day, declare the results of voting.	
Sunday November 15, 2026	2026-2030 Term of Council begins.	
Tuesday November 17, 2026	Inaugural Meeting The first Township of Perth South Council meeting of the 2026-2030 Term.	
Thursday December 31, 2026	Deadline for person provide with a copy of the Voters List to destroy all copies of the list.	
Thursday December 31, 2026	Campaign Period Ends; Last day for candidates and registered Third-Party Advertisers to provide written notice of a deficit and continuation of their Campaign Period.	
Tuesday March 30, 2027	Final day and time for candidates and registered Third-Party Advertisers to file Financial Statements (by 2:00 p.m.)	
Thursday April 29, 2027	Final day of the 30-day grace period for filing Financial Statements provided the candidate or registered Third-Party Advertiser pays the \$500 late filing fee (by 2:00 p.m.)	
Friday April 30, 2027	The Clerk shall make a report indicating whether each candidate and registered Third-Party Advertiser has complied with s.88.25 or 88.29 of the MEA and make the report available to the public.	