



### **To run as a candidate in a municipal election, you must:**

- Be a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years old
- Not be prohibited from holding municipal office according to Section 29 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*
- Be qualified to vote in the municipality by:
  - Living in the municipality, or
  - Owning or renting property in the municipality, or
  - Being the spouse of somebody who owns or rents property in the municipality

### **Nomination Requirements**

The following is required to file a nomination:

- Nomination Paper – Form 1
- Prescribed nomination filing fee (\$200 for Mayor, \$100 for Councillor)
- Provide Proof of Identification and Residence as prescribed in O.Reg. 304/13

Other forms provided to the candidate at time of filing:

- Declaration of Qualifications – Council Candidates (Form ALB2026-01A)
- Declaration of Name on Ballot (Form ALB2026-06 if applicable)
- Release of Campaign Information (Form ALB2026-02)
- Voter's List Request and Declaration (Form EL 14)
- Notice of Penalties Candidate (Form ALB2026-04)
- Preliminary Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses (Form EL 37A)
- Preliminary Certificate of Maximum Amount of Contributions Own Campaign (Form EL 37B)
- Appointment of Scrutineer or Agent (Form EL12)

**To file your nomination papers, please book an appointment with the Clerk by emailing [albertonadmin@alberton.ca](mailto:albertonadmin@alberton.ca) or by phone at 807-274-6053.**

**\*It is the responsibility of the person being nominated to file a complete and accurate nomination paper.**

**\*Once candidates have filed their nomination papers, an unofficial list of registered candidates will be available on the Township of Alberton website under the elections tab.**

## Important Dates



### Key Dates:

- May 1, 2026 – Nomination forms may be filed in person with the Clerk
- Nomination Day – August 21, 2026, by 2:00 p.m. [Nomination or withdrawals cannot be accepted after 2:00 p.m on August 21, 2026.](#)
- Municipal Election Day – October 26, 2026
- First day of Council (2026-2030) Term – November 15, 2026
- The Inaugural and first meeting date for the 2026-2030 Council Term – November 16, 2026, commencing at 4:30 p.m.
- Council Orientation Date – November 23, 2026
- Council Orientation Date – November 30, 2026
- Council Meeting – December 17, 2026, commencing at 4:30 p.m.
- End of campaign period for candidates - December 31, 2026, and last day to file a Notice of Extension, Form 6
- Deadline for candidates to file the initial financial statement – March 30, 2027, at 2:00 p.m.
- End of extended campaign period – June 30, 2027 (if Form 6 extension was filed)
- Deadline for candidates to file the supplementary financial statement (applies only to those who extended their campaign period)

### Candidate Resources:

- 2026 Candidates Guide for Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections  
[2026 Candidates' Guide - Ontario municipal council and school board elections](#)
- *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*
- *Municipal Act*
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario, 2026 Lead Where You Live  
[Lead Where You Live 2026](#)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Workshop Series  
[AMO's Healthy Democracy Leaders Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities | AMO](#)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Workshop  
[Running for Municipal Office - Everything You Need to Know as an Underrepresented Candidate | AMO](#)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Campaign – If You Believe, They Believe  
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