



TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR

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Municipal Election 2018



Council term 2018-2022



Voters in the Province of Ontario will elect Mayors, Councillors and School Board Trustees in 2018.

Election Day is

Mon, October 22, 2018.

Candidate registration opens May 1, 2018 and closes on Fri, July 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Candidates must complete a Nomination Paper, it must be commissioned and submitted to the Clerk with the required \$100 (Councillor) or \$200 (Mayor) fee payable in cash, certified cheque or money order. The term of office for Council is 4 years and commences on December 3, 2018. The Township of Machar will again use Vote By Mail. **There is no voting at the Municipal Office.** A package will be mailed to each qualified elector for completion and return by mail, or drop off during a specified time period. Vote By Mail increases voter turn-out and is convenient for our taxpayers. Voting instructions will be in your Vote by Mail Kit, so please watch for it in the mail!

So You Want To Run For Council?

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is pleased to announce that the 2018 update to So You Want to Run for Council will be live at MunicipalEducation.ca.

The course content is valuable for anyone running for council, as it not only examines the rules that govern him or her but also brings to light some of the cultural and soft knowledge pieces that influence the lives of members of council. Course content covers:

- ◆ Reasons That You Should and Should Not Run for Council
- ◆ What You Should Know Before You Run for Office
- ◆ Dealing with the Media
- ◆ Techniques for Working with Others
- ◆ The Roles of Council Members and Staff
- ◆ What the True Power and Influence of Municipal Government is
- ◆ Transparency and Accountability in Government and much more...

New! Nomination and Eligibility

There is a new requirement that anyone wishing to run for office on a Council must submit the signatures of 25 voters supporting the nomination. They must be electors in the Township of Machar. The individuals providing their signatures will each have to sign a declaration stating that they are eligible to vote in the municipality on the day that they signed the endorsement. ****AMENDMENT TO O. REG. 101/97 PROPOSED APR 1, 2018 TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THIS REQUIREMENT FOR CANDIDATES IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH LESS THAN 4,000 ELECTORS would apply to the Township of Machar.**

Council consists of 1 Mayor and 4 Councillors, all to be elected at large. A person is entitled to be an elector if on Voting Day, he or she, resides in the municipality, or is the owner or tenant of land there, or is the spouse of such owner or tenant; and is a Canadian Citizen, is at least 18 years old; and is not prohibited from voting under Section 17, Subsection 3 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 as amended (see Information for Candidates: 2. Elector Qualifications (Council) for additional details), or otherwise by law.