



# Virtual Information Session

## 2025 Edmonton Election Campaign Finance Requirements

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# Introductions



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# Agenda

- About Edmonton Elections
- About expense and contribution limits
- About campaign financial requirements
- Questions - email to [elections@edmonton.ca](mailto:elections@edmonton.ca)
- Staying Connected

# Edmonton Elections

A nonpartisan team within the Office of the City Clerk, plans and executes the Edmonton Election on behalf of:

- City of Edmonton
- Edmonton School Division
- Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division



# Campaign Contributions and Expenses



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# Contribution Limits

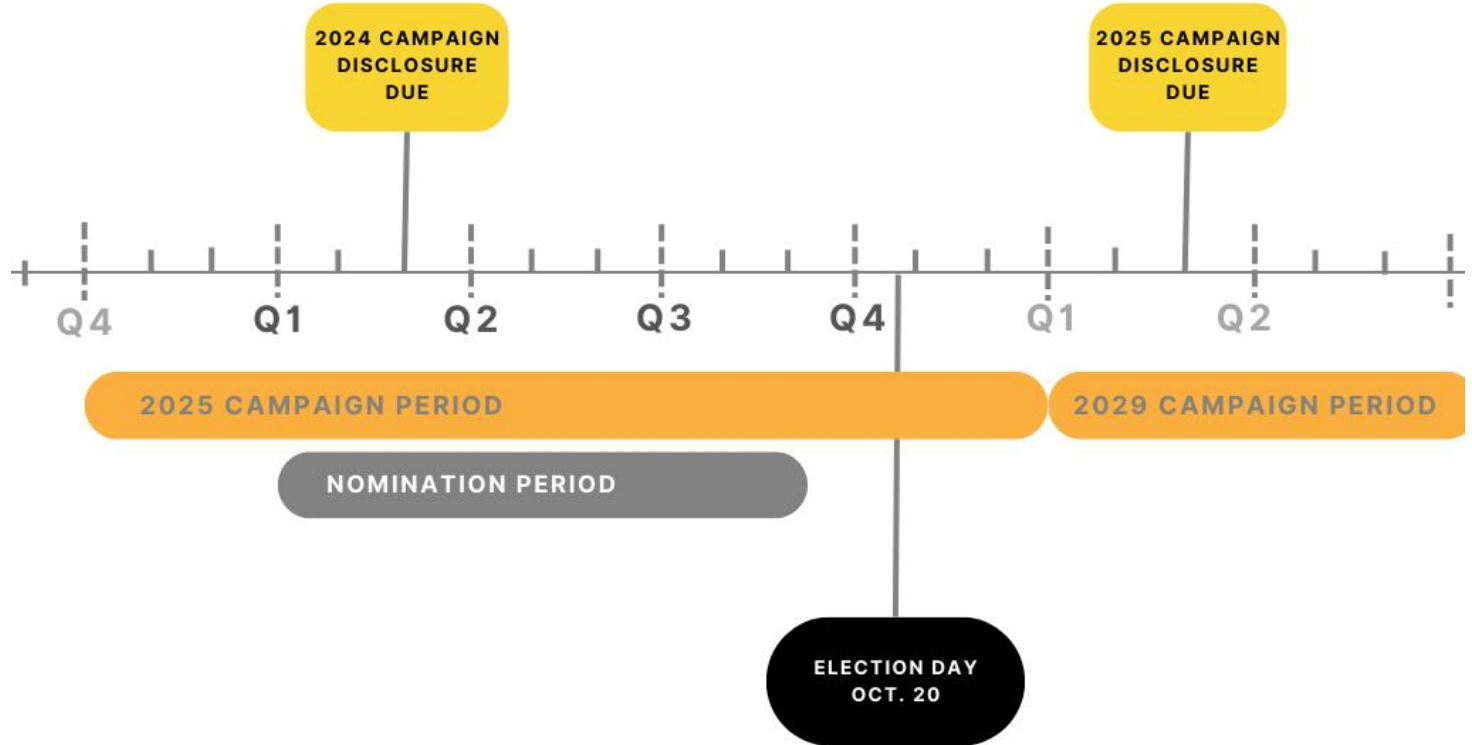
	<b>Municipal Candidates</b>	<b>School Board Candidates</b>	<b>Local Political Parties</b>	<b>Slates</b>
<b>Candidate Self-finance</b>	\$10,000/campaign period	\$10,000/campaign period	N/A	N/A
<b>Individuals</b>	\$5,000/yr to all candidates in municipality	\$5,000/yr to all candidates in each division	\$5,000/yr to all registered parties in each jurisdiction	\$0
<b>Corporation, trade union or employee organization</b>	\$5,000/campaign period to all candidates in municipality	\$5,000/campaign period to all candidates in each division	\$5,000/year to all registered parties in each jurisdiction	\$0

# Expense Limits

	2024	2025	2026-27
<b>Candidate - Mayor</b>	\$505,449.50	\$1,010,899.00	\$0.00
<b>Candidate - Councillor</b>	\$42,120.79	\$84,241.58	\$0.00
<b>Local Political Party</b>			
Per ward contested	\$42,120.79	\$84,241.58	\$0.00
Maximum (12 wards)	\$505,449.50	\$1,010,899.00	\$0.00
<b>Slate</b>	Expenses split equally to candidates		



# Fiscal Reporting Timeline



# Responsibilities

## Candidates and local political parties

- Inform prospective contributors of the contribution rules
- Can not solicit or accept anonymous or unauthorized contributions
- Maintain separate campaign finances and records
- Issue receipts

## Slates

- Maintain records of shared expenses

## Contributors

- Ensure they are eligible to make a contribution
- Not exceed their contribution limit
- Not contribute funds that do not belong to them

# Finance Tracking

- **Contributions:**
  - Total contributions of \$50 or less
  - Detailed list of contributions above \$50
  - Total contributed out of candidate's own funds
  - Net amount raised from fundraising events
  - Total amount of other revenue (e.g sale of goods)
- **Campaign expense report**
  - Must list all campaign expenses incurred over the course of the year

# Campaign Disclosure

- Candidates who submitted a written notice of intent in 2024 must submit a campaign disclosure statement.
  - Deadline is **March 3, 2025**
  - Required even if you had no contributions or expenses
- Political parties and slates' campaign disclosures are due in March 2026
  - Candidates affiliated with a slate or party **must still submit** 2024 disclosure statements (if they submitted a written of notice in 2024).

# What happens if I miss the deadline?

- Submitted from March 4-13 (inclusive):
  - **An automatic late filing fee of \$500**
- Submitted after March 13 (or not submitted):
  - Name included in a public report to Council or the School Board's Board of Trustees
  - **Ineligible to run in the 2025 Edmonton Election**



# Questions



**Email questions to [elections@edmonton.ca](mailto:elections@edmonton.ca)**

# How to Stay Informed

- Follow @EdmElections on X
- Regularly check [edmonton.ca/elections](https://edmonton.ca/elections)
- Email questions to [elections@edmonton.ca](mailto:elections@edmonton.ca)



# Thank you.



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