



What to expect during Advance Voting and on Election Day

Tips

- Find out all the upcoming voting opportunities at edmonton.ca/election. This includes 12 Advance Voting stations from October 4-13, 4 Advance Voting post secondary stations from October 4-7, 212 Election Day voting stations and Institutional Voting Stations.
- A list of Institutional Voting Stations at senior accommodation facilities and hospitals is available [here](#) or at edmonton.ca/forcandidates.
- Review the [Local Authorities Election Act \(LAEA\)](#) and [Municipal Affairs](#) website about the roles of a candidate, official and scrutineer during Advance Voting and on Election Day.

Reminders

- Candidates, official agents and scrutineers must follow all provincial public health measures and City bylaws in place at the time of voting.
- No campaigning is allowed both inside and around the voting station. This includes canvassing for votes, displaying signage and wearing campaign materials.
- Candidates, official agents and scrutineers may observe the voting process, but they cannot obstruct or interfere in the voting process. No candidate, official agent or scrutineer shall be present in the voting booth area at the marking of the ballot.
- If a candidate is present in the voting station, a candidate's official agents and scrutineers **will not be allowed** to enter the voting station, as per the legislation.
- Candidates are **not permitted to have both an official agent and a scrutineer present** at the same time in the voting station during voting hours.
- Please be respectful to both workers and voters. If you have questions about the voting process, please ask the Presiding Deputy at the voting station.

What to bring to a voting station

- Official agents and scrutineers will need to bring and submit [Form 16: Statement of a Scrutineer or Official Agent](#) upon arrival at a voting station and provide it to the Presiding Deputy. You will also receive a nametag to identify your role to election workers and voters.
- Masks or face coverings for all voting stations.

Institutional Voting

- Candidates, official agents and scrutineers may attend an institutional vote only if the vote is conducted at a fixed location in a public area of the institution.
- Please be respectful of facility rules and additional safety requirements, such as required COVID-19 screening and PPE, proof of vaccination and recognize that these facilities are treatment centres.

What to expect at a voting station

- The Presiding Deputy (PD) will direct official agents and scrutineers to the designated area in the voting station. A designated area in the voting station is where an official agent or scrutineer may observe the election procedures and observe any person making a statement, which is at the registration tables (under 53 (1) (b) of the *LAEA*).
- A candidate or their official agent or scrutineer (1 person only per candidate), may remain in the voting station after it has been closed
- At close of the voting station, during the Advance Vote and Election Day, they may monitor that the ballot box is opened and that all the ballots are added to a ballot transfer box, without interfering with the closing procedure process. Also they may sign the ballot accounting form completed by the Presiding Deputy, if desired.
- On Election Day, results tape from the tabulator will be printed and posted in the voting station, after closing procedures have been completed

What to expect at the Count Centre

- Count Centre is the location where ballots will be counted from Advance Voting, Institutional Voting and post-secondary stations, and special ballots. This will be done in accordance with the *LAEA*, using voting tabulators to ensure vote privacy and security.
- All voting tabulators are thoroughly tested before, during and after they are used. Once certified for use, a combination of physical and digital security keys ensure the devices are not altered or tampered with.
- The voting tabulators are specifically designed to count the election results. All voting data is encrypted once entered and results are only available to election officials **after** the voting stations close.
- The Count Centre will be open on Election Night (October 18), with the opening of the special ballot secrecy envelope process starting at 8 p.m. Candidates, official agents and scrutineers will be allowed onsite starting at 7:00 pm. Form 16 will be required for entry.
- Candidates, official agents and scrutineers may observe the count centre process and adjudication station in a designated area and may object to any ballot found in the ballot box, which will be noted by the deputy. The Presiding Deputy of the count centre shall decide on any question arising from the objection.
- Once the results tapes are available from the tabulators, they will be posted in a designated area to be viewed by candidates, official agents and scrutineers.
- Details about the Count Centre location, protocols and information about what to expect at the Count Centre will be sent to all official candidates via email.

Election Results

- On Election Night unofficial results will be uploaded to edmonton.ca/election and Open Data. All results shared on Election Night will be unofficial results. Official results are determined by the Returning Officer and will be shared by Friday, October 22 at 12pm.