

# Virtual Information Session for Aspiring Candidates



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# Welcome

- Introductions
- Land acknowledgement
- Agenda overview
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# 2021 Edmonton General Election *Overview*



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# Edmonton Elections

- Plans and executes the 2021 Edmonton General Election
- Focuses on three themes:
  - Vote
  - Run
  - Work
- Follows four principles:
  - Accessible
  - Inclusive
  - Equitable
  - Ethical

# 2021 Edmonton General Election

**Election Day: Monday, October 18, 2021**

Edmonton will **elect**:

- City Council
  - 13 City Councillors, including the Mayor
  - Each Ward is represented by a City Councillor
- Board of Trustees of Edmonton School Division
  - 9 Trustees | 1 per Ward
- Board of Trustees of Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division
  - 7 Trustees | 1 per Ward

# Roles and responsibilities

Local elected officials all have different but similar roles and responsibilities:

- **Mayor**
- **City Councillor**
- **School Division Trustee**

# Key Election Dates

**Nomination Period:** January 4, 2021 to September 20, 2021

**Campaign Period:** January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

**Election Day:** October 18, 2021

**Campaign Disclosure Statement Deadline:** March 1, 2022

# Governing Legislation



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# Local Authorities Elections Act

- The [Local Authorities Elections Act](#) outlines election rules and processes in municipalities in Alberta.
- The Local Authorities Election Act has changed.



# Education Act

The [Education Act](#):

- Includes regulations for Candidates for Trustee of Edmonton School Division and Edmonton Separate Catholic School Division.
- Refer to Sections 4 and 74.

# Election Bylaw

The [Election Bylaw](#) contains detailed information on Election processes in Edmonton, including:

## **Nomination Process**

- Signatures
- Deposits

## **Voting Procedures**

- Voting Hours
- Special Ballots
- Ballot Counting

# Who to contact

## Edmonton Elections

- Nomination process
- Campaigning regulations
- Election Day and post election services
- Contact: [elections@edmonton.ca](mailto:elections@edmonton.ca)

## Municipal Affairs

- Candidate and voter eligibility
- Contact: [lgsmail@gov.ab.ca](mailto:lgsmail@gov.ab.ca)

## Elections Alberta

- Financing and contributions
- Contact: [complaints@elections.ab.ca](mailto:complaints@elections.ab.ca)

# Nomination Process



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# Nomination Period

*January 4, 2021 to September 20, 2021*

Candidates must:

- Meet eligibility requirements
- Complete and submit the required forms
- Collect signatures from residents
- Pay a deposit

# Eligibility as a Candidate

To register as a candidate, you must be **an eligible voter**:

- At least 18 years old
- A Canadian citizen
- A resident of Edmonton for the six consecutive months prior to Nomination Day (September 20, 2021)

**Refer to Sections 21-24 of the LAEA**

# Ineligibility

- City of Edmonton employees - a leave of absence is required
- School division, charter school or private school employees- a leave of absence is required
- Owes taxes to the City of Edmonton
- Owe more than \$500 to the City of Edmonton and more than 90 days in arrears
- Convicted of an offense under certain related legislative acts

**Refer to Sections 21-24 of the LAEA**



# Nomination Requirements

## Candidates for Mayor

- 100 signatures:  
Those signing must be:
  - A resident of Edmonton
  - An eligible voter on the day the nomination form was signed
- \$500 Deposit
  - Paid when submitting nomination papers via cash, certified cheque or money order

# Nomination Requirements

## Candidates for Councillor and School Division Trustee

- 25 signatures
  - Those signing must be:
    - A resident of the ward the candidate wishes to run in
    - An eligible voter on the day the nomination form was signed
- \$100 deposit
  - Paid when submitting nomination papers via cash, certified cheque or money order

# Ward Boundaries

- Edmonton's municipal ward boundaries may be changing, including:
  - Geographic boundaries
  - Names of wards
- Geographic boundaries for Edmonton School Division and Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division have also changed.



# Questions



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# Stay updated

- [Edmonton.ca/elections](https://Edmonton.ca/elections)
- Twitter **@edmelections**
- E-newsletter
- Upcoming virtual information sessions for aspiring candidates:
  - Campaign Financing - **December**
  - Campaigning - **TBA**
  - Election day and Post-Election - **TBA**



# Thank you



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