

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION



## FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is eligible to be a council candidate?

In order to run for office in the Township of McGarry, the individual must be:

- A Canadian citizen
- At least 18 years of age
- A resident of the Township of McGarry, or
- An owner or tenant of land in the Township of McGarry, or the spouse of the owner or tenant
- Not legally prohibited from voting
- Not disqualified by any legislation from holding office

### Who is not eligible to be a council candidate?

Candidates must not be the following:

- A judge of any court
- A member of Provincial Legislature, the Federal House of Commons or Senate who has not resigned from their office by the close of nominations
- A candidate who failed to file the necessary financial statement in the last municipal election or by-election

### Nomination Period

#### When can interested candidates file their nomination paperwork?

Individuals can file their nomination paperwork beginning May 2, 2022 Monday to Friday during regular office hours and up until Friday, August 19, 2022 by 2:00 p.m.

#### Is it possible to file your nomination online?

Unfortunately, candidates must file their nomination papers in-person or by an agent at the Municipal Office and scheduling an appointment is encouraged.

### Where can I find nomination papers?

Nomination forms are available at the Municipal Office during regular office hours at 27 Webster Street, Virginiatown, ON P0K1X0 or by request from the Clerk.

### What do I need to file my nomination paperwork?

The nomination must be completed in full and filed in person by the candidate or an agent of the candidate and include:

- a) Identification suitable to the Clerk;
- b) Nomination Paper- Form 1;
- c) Nomination filing fee (\$200 for head of council and \$100 for the office of councillor)

### Campaigning

#### Do I have to open a separate bank account as a candidate?

You must open a bank account exclusively for your campaign if you accept any contributions of money (including contributions from yourself or your spouse) or incur any expenses. You cannot use your personal bank account for campaign finances, even if you are planning a very small campaign. All contributions—including contributions you make to yourself—must be deposited into the campaign bank account. All expenses must be paid for from the campaign account.

#### When can I campaign?

Candidates can only start campaigning after the nomination papers are filed.

#### Need more information?

See the 2022 [Candidate's Guide](#) prepared by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing