

## **Notice to the Municipal Electors of the Town of Renfrew 2026 Town of Renfrew Municipal and School Board Election**

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Notice is hereby given that the next Regular Municipal and School Board Election in the Town of Renfrew will be held on October 26, 2026, to elect the following offices:

- One (1) Mayor (Representative at the County of Renfrew Council)
- Six (6) Councillors
- School Board Trustees:
  - Renfrew County District School Board
  - Renfrew County Catholic District School Board
  - Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (French-Language Public School Board)
  - Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien (French-Language Catholic School Board)

The new term of Council will begin on November 15, 2026, with the Inaugural Meeting of Council taking place on November 17, 2026. This new term of Council will end on November 14, 2030.

### **Eligibility Criteria to Run for Municipal Office:**

- Be a Canadian Citizen.
- Be at least 18 years of age on Nomination Day.
- Be a resident of the Town of Renfrew, or an owner or tenant of land in the Town of Renfrew, or the spouse of such owner or tenant.
- File a nomination that includes twenty-five (25) qualifying endorsements ([Endorsement of Nomination Form 2](#)) and pay the applicable nomination filing fee.
- Not be prohibited from voting and not be otherwise disqualified from holding office under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or any other applicable legislation.
- Additional eligibility requirements apply to candidates for School Board Trustee under the Education.

### **Nomination Period for Candidates is May 1, 2026 – August 21, 2026**

- Nomination Period: Friday, May 1, 2026 – Thursday, August 20, 2026. Nominations may be filed by appointment during regular office hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, excluding holidays).

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- Nomination Day: Friday, August 21, 2026. Nominations may be filed in person between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. only.
- Candidate Information Packages are available online and may be downloaded at any time. Printed copies will also be available for pick-up at Town Hall beginning April 27.

### Campaigning:

Campaign expenses may not be incurred until a nomination has been officially filed. This includes costs such as website development, domain registration, promotional materials and advertising. Any expenses incurred prior to nomination cannot be included in the campaign financial statement. Individuals may express an intention to run for office through unpaid activities, such as organized media posts, provided no money, goods, or services are used or paid for. This requirement is set out in Section 88.20(1)-(2) of the [Municipal Elections Act](#), which states that no campaign expenses may be incurred until a person becomes a candidate.

### Alternative Voting

On November 12, 2024, Renfrew Town Council passed By-Law 97-2024 to authorize the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for vote counting and the use of internet voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. These alternative voting methods are intended to enhance accessibility and convenience for eligible electors.

### Eligibility Criteria to Vote

In accordance with Section 17(2) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, a person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if, on voting day, they:

- Reside in the local municipality (Town of Renfrew), or are the owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or are the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- Are a Canadian citizen;
- Are at least 18 years old; and
- Are not otherwise prohibited from voting by law.



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### **Voting Process**

Eligible electors should expect to receive a Voter Information Letter (VIL) in early October, which will include instructions on how to vote.

**The voting period will begin on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.**

During the voting period, eligible electors may vote electronically using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. In-person voting will be available on select dates and times, which will be announced closer to the election.

### **Voting Assistance**

To provide eligible electors with voting assistance during the voting period, or to add or update personal information on the Voter's List, Voting Help Stations will be available at the following locations:

- Town Hall Municipal Office – 127 Raglan Street South, Renfrew,
- myFM Centre – 1 Ma-te-Way Park Drive,
- Renfrew Public Library – 13 Railway Ave.

The hours of operation for the Voter Help Centre will be posted on the Town's dedicated election webpage.

### **Contact**

For further information about the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, please visit the Town's dedicated election webpage at [2026 Municipal Elections | Renfrew](#) and [Ontario.ca-Municipal Elections](#). If you have questions, you may also call the office at 613-432-4848 or email the Clerk's department at [clerks@renfrew.ca](mailto:clerks@renfrew.ca).

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