



Scrutineer Appointment

Form 5

I hereby authorize _____ to act as a
Print Name of Scrutineer
scrutineer on my behalf at your Voting Subdivision on this _____ day of _____ 20 ____.

Print Name of Candidate

Signature of Candidate

Note to Candidates

In order to act as a scrutineer, a person must:

- be at least 18 years old;
- be a candidate, official agent or a person appointed in writing on the prescribed authorization form above, duly signed by the candidate;
- take an oath that he/she will uphold the rights of voters and shall preserve the secrecy of the vote.

Each candidate is entitled to appoint a maximum of two scrutineers for any one voting subdivision.

Scrutineers do not necessarily have to be residents of the local authority for which they are appointed.

A candidate may undertake the duties of a scrutineer at any voting place. It is imperative, however, that the role be confined only to this function. Greeting voters at the door, socializing in the voting place or passing out campaign material is inappropriate and/or unlawful.

The candidate must present a duly completed Scrutineer Appointment form (above) and take an oath that he/she will uphold the rights of voters and shall preserve the secrecy of the vote.

At the voting place, the scrutineer is authorized to observe election proceedings on your behalf. Your scrutineer may:

- enter the designated voting place 15 minutes before it opens and inspect the ballot box, the ballots and other election materials to be used at the voting station;
- be present during voting and, from time to time, examine the Voting Record for a voting subdivision, but **only** if he/she does **not** interfere with activities of the Election Officers;
- challenge a person wishing to vote if he/she believes that the person is not an eligible voter, or has already voted in the Election;
- observe the count after the close of voting.

Information for Scrutineers**ALL SCRUTINEERS MUST READ AND ADHERE TO THE GUIDELINES BELOW****At the voting place, scrutineers (or candidates acting as scrutineers) shall:**

- Present a duly completed Scrutineer Appointment form (see reverse) at each voting station where he/she has been authorized to observe voting.
- Take the Oath and sign the Record of Scrutineers contained in the Voting Record at each voting station.

Scrutineers (or candidates acting as scrutineers) are permitted to:

- Enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens and inspect the ballot box, the ballots and the other election materials to be used at the voting station.
- Be present during voting and, from time to time, examine the Voting Record for a voting station but **only** if he/she does **not** interfere with the activities of the Election Officers at the voting station.
- Challenge a person wishing to vote if he/she believes that the person is not an eligible voter, or has already voted in the Election.
- Remain at the voting place after the close of voting to observe the count and to view the results as shown on the tabulation tape from the automated voting machine.

Scrutineers (or candidates acting as scrutineers) are not permitted to:

- Interfere with the voting in any manner.
- Induce or attempt to ascertain how a voter marked his/her ballot.
- Communicate information about how another person voted.
- Disqualify a voter from voting.
- Cause a disturbance or campaign at the voting place.
- Interfere with the normal voting procedures.
- Be present at the marking of the ballot.

Challenging a Voter

An Election Official or scrutineer may challenge a person wishing to vote if he/she believes that the person:

- (a) is not an eligible voter; *or*
- (b) has already voted in the Election.

In making a challenge, you **must** state the reason for it, and your name and the reason **must** be recorded in the Voting Record beside the name and address of the voter. Once the reason is stated, nothing further is required.

If no reason is given, the voter may proceed to vote as if no challenge had been made.

A challenge **must** be made before the voter is given a ballot. After the voter receives a ballot no challenge may be made against the voter.

At the voting place, no one is allowed to wear or display anything that identifies them as a supporter of one particular candidate.

A scrutineer may, however, wear a badge or ribbon that indicates by colour only the candidate for whom the person is a scrutineer. It is important to note that even in this instance, the badge or ribbon must not indicate the name, initials, or an abbreviation of the name of, or insignia used by a political party or candidate.