



2026 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND
SCHOOL BOARDS ELECTION

CANDIDATE'S GUIDE

Mayor and Councillor Candidates

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A Message from Sherwood Armbruster, Senior Election Official

An election for members of Council in the City of Winnipeg is held every four years on the fourth Wednesday in October. The 2026 Municipal Council and School Boards Election in the City of Winnipeg will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

This guide has been compiled as a reference for candidates seeking election for Mayor or Councillor, and is for information only. This guide does not absolve candidates of the responsibility of complying with the statutory provisions of *The City of Winnipeg Charter* and *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act*. All those not in compliance with the statutes will be prosecuted.

The City of Winnipeg Charter and *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act* can be viewed on the Manitoba Provincial Government website www.gov.mb.ca/laws. Print copies are available for purchase from the King's Printer. Please call or send an email to kingsprinter@gov.mb.ca for prices and to place an order (telephone 204-945-3103).

The registration period for candidates for **Mayor** begins Friday, May 1, 2026 and ends on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

The registration period for candidates for **Councillor** begins Tuesday, June 30, 2026 and ends on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

The nomination period for candidates begins Wednesday, September 16, 2026 and ends on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

Registration and nomination papers must be filed in person with the Senior Election Official, City Clerk's Department, Susan A. Thompson Building, 510 Main Street. Please email elections@winnipeg.ca to book an appointment.

Should you have further questions, please contact Sherwood Armbruster, Senior Election Official, at elections@winnipeg.ca.

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Election Campaign

Date of Election

An election for Members of Council in the City of Winnipeg will be on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

Office of Mayor and Councillor

The Mayor is elected at large in the City of Winnipeg. One Councillor is elected from each of the 15 wards in the City of Winnipeg.

Candidate Eligibility

A person is eligible to be a candidate if they meet all of the following criteria:

- a Canadian Citizen;
 - 18 years old or older on Election Day, October 28, 2026.
 - a resident of Manitoba;
 - a voter;
 - not disqualified by law.
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Persons not eligible to be a candidate

A person is not eligible to be a candidate if they are:

- a judge of the Court of King's Bench or The Court of Appeal;
- a provincial judge, magistrate or justice of the peace;
- a member of the council of another municipality;
- a member of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada;
- an individual who has been convicted of an offence under *The City of Winnipeg Charter Act* or any other legislation and who has not paid any fine imposed for the offence;
- an individual who fails to file an audited statement in compliance with Section 35 of *The City of Winnipeg Charter Act*, is disqualified from being nominated for or elected as a member of Council until after the next general election, as stated in Section 44(3) of *The City of Winnipeg Charter Act*.

Campaign Registration

A person seeking election for either Mayor or Councillor must file a registration form in person with the Senior Election Official. The Campaign Expenses and Contributions Guide contains the registration form and outlines the registration process.

The registration period for candidates for Mayor begins Friday, May 1, 2026 and ends on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

The registration period for candidates for Councillor begins Tuesday, June 30, 2026 and ends on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

For your convenience, in person appointments are required. Please email elections@winnipeg.ca for an appointment.

After a candidate has filed their registration form, they, or any person acting on their behalf, can accept contributions or incur campaign expenses. A candidate cannot spend any money or accept any donations on the campaign before registering.

The registration process and the nomination process are separate.

Registration alone does not confirm status as a candidate in the election. A candidate must file a nomination paper before their name can appear on the ballot.

Candidates will receive their nomination paper when they register.

Campaign Expenses and Contributions

Each candidate must adhere to the campaign regulations on expenses incurred and contributions received. The Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law No. 10/2010 regulate campaign expenses and contributions to candidates and includes limits on contribution amounts received and expenses incurred.

The Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer assists candidates in complying with the provisions of the Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law No. 10/2010.

Every candidate must appoint an Official Agent who will be responsible for receiving contributions and authorizing campaign expenses.

See the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Guide for further information.

Audited Financial Statement

ALL registered candidates must file an Audited Financial Statement with the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer, regardless of whether any monies were incurred or expended and regardless of whether they complete the nomination process. See the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Guide for further information.

Failure of a registered candidate to comply with statutory and by-law provisions, including the failure to file an audited financial statement, will result in prosecution.

Rebate of Election Contributions

Individuals making contributions to a registered candidate in the election are able to apply for a rebate in accordance with the Rebate of Election Contributions By-law No. 9/2010. See the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Guide for further information.

Expenditures and campaign contributions are NOT tax deductible.

Campaign Period

The campaign period is the time during which a registered candidate, or any person acting on their behalf, can accept contributions or incur campaign expenses.

The campaign period for candidates for Mayor begins Friday, May 1, 2026 and ends on Wednesday, March 31, 2027.

The campaign period for candidates for Councillor begins Tuesday, June 30, 2026 and ends on Wednesday, March 31, 2027.

The Campaign Expenses and Contributions Guide outlines the regulations for campaign financing and the requirement to file an audited financial statement.

Nomination Process

The nomination process is the second step in a two-step process for becoming a candidate. Individuals must complete step one, the registration process (as outlined in the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Guide), before they can begin the nomination process.

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The registration process and nomination process are separate.

Nomination Paper

A nomination paper contains the following:

- a statement by the candidate identifying their name, residential address, telephone number and the office for which they are seeking to be nominated.
- a statement under oath by the candidate that they are qualified to be nominated for the office and that, to the best of their knowledge, the information provided in their nomination paper is true.
- As per section 42(1) of *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act*, a Statement of Disclosure form listing certain criminal offences must be submitted with the candidate nomination paper. In accordance, with section 44(2), of *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act*, the City of Winnipeg will publish this statement on the election website, winnipeg.ca/election2026.

Candidates seeking election for **Mayor** must obtain on their nomination paper a minimum of **250 signatures** of voters whose names appear on the City of Winnipeg Voters List.

Candidates seeking election for Councillor must obtain on their nomination paper a minimum of **25 signatures** of voters whose names appear on the City of Winnipeg Voters List for the council ward in which they are seeking election.

Names will be subject to verification on the voters list and candidates should **obtain extra names** to ensure that the minimum number of voter signatures is met. The names of voters signing a candidate's nomination paper will be verified when the candidate files their nomination paper.

A voter may sign the nomination paper of more than one candidate.

Filing a Nomination Paper

Before a candidate is able to file a nomination paper, they must have already filed a registration form.

The Senior Election Official will accept nomination papers during the nomination period. The nomination period begins **Wednesday, September 16, 2026 and ends Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.** Candidates must file a nomination paper in person with the Senior Election Official in the City Clerk's Department, Susan A. Thompson Building, 510 Main Street, during nomination period hours. Please email elections@winnipeg.ca to book an appointment during the following hours:

- Wednesday, September 16 to Friday, September 18 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 19 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 20 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The deadline to file a nomination paper is **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 2026.** The Senior Election Official will not accept an incomplete nomination paper.

All nomination papers will be available for public inspection. A list of nominated candidates will be available on the election website winnipeg.ca/election2026 and for viewing in the City Clerk's Department.

Candidate Material

When a candidate becomes registered they will receive a package of supplies, including a preliminary voters list, and other information that will assist in the campaign process.

When a candidate files their nomination paper, they will receive additional supplies, including a final (updated) voters list, voting subdivision maps, and a list of voting locations. They will also be required to record their name to provide audio for visually impaired voting purposes.

The voters list will be provided in electronic form. Candidates are required to sign an acknowledgement that the information contained on the list must only be used for election purposes.

Withdrawal of Nomination

Any candidate may withdraw their nomination if a nominated candidate remains to fill the office to be elected. The withdrawal must be in writing and submitted in-person to the Senior Election Official on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 4:30 p.m.**

Acclamation

Where only the required number of candidate(s) is nominated, the Senior Election Official will declare the candidate(s) elected by acclamation at the end of the withdrawal deadline on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 4:30 p.m.**

Candidates' Names on Ballots

Candidates' names on ballots appear in random order. The random order is determined by a draw which will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

Please be advised that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot exactly as it is written on the nomination paper (in the acceptance by candidate section), and in accordance with the following format:

- Ballots are printed with candidates' First Name, followed by the SURNAME (in uppercase letters), listed in the order determined by a random draw.
- Middle names are not allowed.
- Candidates cannot use identification such as a nickname bearing no relation to the legal name, or any title, honour, decoration or degree, (e.g. "Mr.", "Dr.", "Rev.", etc.).

Political Campaign Signs

A campaign sign means any sign used to promote a candidate. Candidates cannot place any election signage within 50 metres of a voting place during voting hours.

In accordance with Section 62 of the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No. 1/2008, campaign signs cannot be erected prior to **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**, the date that notice of the nomination period is advertised, and shall be removed by **Wednesday, November 4, 2026**, seven days after the close of polls.

Please note that a registered candidate who is a Member of Council must *not* use their incumbent position as their title. For instance, a candidate cannot use “re-elect Mayor (candidate name)” or “re-elect Councillor (candidate name)” on campaign signs.

It is acceptable to use “re-elect (candidate name) for Councillor”.

Campaign signs are permitted throughout the City and are regulated under the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No. 1/2008, Part 4 and The Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006, Section 182(1).

All campaign signage must include the name and telephone number of the official agent and the date the sign was placed or it will be subject to removal and will be destroyed. Any and all signage not in compliance with The Neighbourhood Liveability By-law will be subject to removal, and will be destroyed.

Election Campaign (continued):

The Neighbourhood Liveability By-law stipulates that a person **must not** place a sign within a street if it:

- is a hazard or obstruction to vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
- is attached to or obstructing a directional sign, a traffic control device or a sign erected, placed or authorized by the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba or the Government of Canada, including the post or standard supporting the sign or traffic control device;
- causes damage to property, including trees or a structure within a street;
- is located within a median or traffic island;
- is attached to a pole, wall or other structure by something other than clear adhesive tape;
- is within 30 metres of an intersection, measured from the nearest curb of the intersection;
- is within 30 metres of a turning lane, deceleration or acceleration lane or traffic storage lane;
- is within 2 metres of a curb or the edge of a roadway;
- is within 0.5 metres of a sidewalk;
- is within 5.0 metres of a private access;
- is permanently affixed;
- is supported by string, rope, **wire or metal stakes**;
- is a mobile sign;
- is greater than 0.6 square metres in size;
- is higher than 1 metre, measured from the existing grade to the top of the sign;
- has more than 2 faces per sign;
- is illuminated, electrified, spins or rotates;
- could be reasonably mistaken for a street sign or a traffic control device

Please see the table on Page 10 for a list of streets where campaign signage cannot be placed.

The enforcement for street signage infractions falls under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department (Streets Constables) as per the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law.

Report all signage infractions by contacting 311.

Election Campaign (continued):

In accordance with Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No. 1/2008, campaign signage cannot be placed on the following streets:

STREETS	LENGTH
Abinojii Mikanah	Between Kenaston Boulevard and Lagimodiere Boulevard
Bison Drive	Between Waverley Street and Pembina Highway
Brookside Boulevard	Entire length
Oak Point Highway	Entire length
King Edward Street	Entire length
Century Street	Entire length
St. James Bridge	Entire length
Kenaston Boulevard (ROUTE 90)	Between Inkster Boulevard and Abinojii Mikanah
Chief Peguis Trail	Between Main Street and Lagimodiere Boulevard
Donald Street and Midtown Bridge	Between Red River and Osborne Street
Dunkirk Drive and St. Vital Bridge	Between Red River and Fermor Avenue
Fermor Avenue	Between Dunkirk Drive and Plessis Road
Henderson Highway	Between Red River and Glenway Avenue
Lagimodiere Boulevard	Between Prairie Grove Road and North City Limit
Moray Street & Moray Bridge	Between Roblin Boulevard and Portage Avenue
Osborne Street and Osborne Bridge	Between Assiniboine River and St. Vital Bridge
Pembina Highway	Between Osborne Street and South City Limit
Portage Avenue	Between Spence Street and St. Charles Street
St. James Street	Between Portage Avenue and Wellington Avenue
Waverley Street	Between Taylor Avenue and Bison Drive
Wellington Avenue	Between James A. Richardson International Airport and St. James Street
Grant Avenue	Between Shaftesbury Boulevard and Roblin Boulevard
Main Street	Between Logan Avenue and North City Limit
St. Anne's Road	Between Fermor Avenue and St. Mary's Road
St. Mary's Road	Between St. Anne's Road and Queen Elizabeth Way
Corydon Avenue/Roblin Boulevard	Between Shaftesbury Boulevard and West City Limit
boulevard Provencher	Entire length
William R. Clement Parkway	Entire length
Wilkes Avenue	Between Provincial Trunk Highway 100 and Shaftesbury Boulevard
Sterling Lyon Parkway	Between Shaftesbury Boulevard and Victor Lewis Drive

Failure to comply with the by-laws will result in removal and destruction of signs. Candidates cannot place any election signage within 50 metres of a voting place during voting hours.

Voters

Eligible voters are either residents of the City of Winnipeg, or persons who own property in the City of Winnipeg but reside outside the City of Winnipeg.

Voter Eligibility – Residents

A person who is a resident of the City of Winnipeg is eligible to vote if they meet all of the following criteria:

- a Canadian Citizen;
- 18 years old or older on Election Day, October 28, 2026;
- a resident of the City of Winnipeg or property owner since April 28, 2026;

An eligible voter must vote in the ward in which they reside on Election Day.

The following determines the residency of a person:

- resides in a place they plan to return to when away from it
- resides in only one place at a time
- does not change residence until they have a new residence

Notes:

1. A person who leaves the City of Winnipeg for temporary reasons is still considered a resident voter. For example, a student attending university or college outside the City, but who intends to return home after the term ends, is considered a resident voter.
2. A person who has resided within the City of Winnipeg for six months prior to Election Day, but has moved from one address to another, is still qualified to vote, but must do so at the voting location where they reside on Election Day.

Voters (continued):

Voter Eligibility – Non-Residents

A person who is not a resident of The City of Winnipeg is eligible to vote if they meet all of the following criteria:

- a Canadian citizen;
- 18 years old or older on Election Day, October 28, 2026;
- a registered owner of land in the City of Winnipeg as listed in the City of Winnipeg Assessment Roll since April 28, 2026.

If three or more non-resident persons are registered owners of a parcel of land:

- no more than two of them are eligible to vote
- to be included on the voters list, each of those two persons must file with the Senior Election Official the written consent of the number of persons who, together with the person to be included on the voters list, are a majority of the registered owners of the land.

If a person owns more than one property, the Senior Election Official will list the person's name on the voters list for one property. A person's name may be entered only once on the voters list. Despite owning more than one property, a person can only vote once.

Non-resident voting rules apply only to persons who do NOT reside in the City of Winnipeg. All residents of the City of Winnipeg must vote according to where they reside.

Voters List

The City of Winnipeg will continue to utilize the National Register of Electors, compiled by Elections Canada, as the basis for the voters list.

A preliminary voters list will be provided to each candidate when they file their registration paper. A final (revised) voters list will be provided to each candidate when they file a nomination paper.

Voters (continued):

Adding Names to the Voters List

Persons whose names do not appear on the voters list may request to have their name added if they meet the voter eligibility criteria.

Requests can be submitted online at winnipeg.ca/voterslist or by calling 311.

The Election Office will accept requests for changes to the voters list until **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2026.**

Persons who meet the voter eligibility criteria, but whose names do not appear on the voters list can still vote by showing one government-issued piece of identification with their photo, name, and address, or two other pieces of identification that verify name and residence, and by completing an affidavit at the voting location.

Personal Security Protection – Names Obscured from Voters List

Any person can request to have their name and address obscured from the voters list to protect their personal security, by submitting an application, in writing, to the Senior Election Official, City Clerk's Department, Susan A. Thompson Building, 510 Main Street, Winnipeg MB R3B 1B9; or faxed to 204-947-3452.

The deadline to request to have names obscured from the voters list is **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2026.**

A person whose name has been obscured will be given a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. The identification number will appear at the end of the voters list.

A person who is given a Personal Security Certificate may only vote by sealed envelope ballot and must make application to do so by **4:30 p.m., Sunday, October 25, 2026, 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m.**

Voters (continued):

Voter's Notices

Each person whose name appears on the voters list will receive in the mail a voter's notice identifying their voting location and hours of voting. The voter's notice also provides the particulars of other voting. Voter's notices will be mailed out early October.

If a person has moved and receives a voter's notice with their former address, they will be directed to vote at the voting location for their current address.

Persons who have moved or who require further information on voting locations, advance voting or voting by sealed envelope ballot can call 311 to reach the City of Winnipeg's Contact Centre, send an e-mail to elections@winnipeg.ca, or view the election website winnipeg.ca/election2026.

Voting

The City of Winnipeg provides citizens several opportunities to vote in the 2026 Municipal Council and School Boards Election. Eligible voters can vote:

- On Election Day, October 28, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- At advance voting opportunities; or
- By mail (known as “voting by sealed envelope ballot”).

All persons on the voters list will receive a voter’s notice identifying their advance and Election Day voting opportunities. More information on dates, times and locations is available at winnipeg.ca/election2026 or by calling 311.

Proof of Name and Current Address Required

The City of Winnipeg will require all voters to provide proof of name and current address at voting locations by showing:

- an official document issued by a federal, provincial or municipal government that contains the person’s name, address and photograph (such as a Driver’s License); or
- at least two other documents that provide evidence of the person’s name and current address.

At the voting locations, voters will be asked to provide one piece of photo identification that contains their name and address, OR two other pieces of identification, one of which must contain their address.

Automated Voting

The City of Winnipeg will again be utilizing automated voting for this election.

It is expected that unofficial election results will be reported by the Senior Election Official within approximately 120 minutes of the close of voting.

Voting (continued):

Advance Voting

Advance voting opportunities will take place during the month of October. Information on these opportunities will be provided to candidates when they file their nomination paper and will be available on the Election website.

Advance voting will utilize automated voting technology. All voting places are accessible to persons with disabilities.

More information on dates, times and all locations will be available at winnipeg.ca/election2026 or by calling 311.

Voting by Sealed Envelope Ballot

Voting by sealed envelope ballot is a provision by which a voter can make application to receive an election ballot package delivered. The voter then marks the ballot and returns it in a sealed envelope to the City Clerk's Department, Susan A. Thompson Building, 510 Main Street, prior to the close of voting on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

A voter is permitted to vote by sealed envelope ballot if they:

- are unable to go in person to a voting location due to a disability; **or**
- are providing care to a person who is unable to leave their home; **or**
- expect that on Election Day and the day or days of advance voting, they will be:
 - absent from the local authority, **or**
 - at a location so significantly distant from the voting location that it is not reasonably possible to vote at that location; **or**
- have not otherwise already voted in this election.

Alternatively, an application to vote by sealed envelope ballot can be made by mail or email beginning Thursday, July 30, 2026, and ending 4:30 p.m., Sunday, October 25, 2026.

The voter must return the ballot to the Senior Election Official, City Clerk's Department, Susan A. Thompson Building, 510 Main Street, **prior to the close of voting on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.**

Scrutineers

A scrutineer is a representative of the candidate appointed to observe election proceedings.

In order to act as a scrutineer, the person must meet all of the following criteria:

- be at least 18 years old;
- provide a scrutineer appointment form signed by the candidate; and
- take an oath that they will uphold the rights of voters and preserve the secrecy of the vote.

Each candidate may appoint up to two scrutineers for each voting station. Each voting location typically has more than one voting station. Scrutineers will be required to present their scrutineer appointment form to the Senior Voting Officer overseeing the voting location, and record their attendance in the record of scrutineers.

If a candidate has only one scrutineer at a voting location where there is more than one voting station, the candidate does not have to provide the scrutineer with a scrutineer appointment form for each voting station.

Candidates can appoint scrutineers on a shift basis, but each scrutineer must present a scrutineer appointment form signed by the candidate.

At the voting location, scrutineers are not allowed to wear or display anything that identifies them as a supporter of one particular candidate.

A candidate is permitted to act as a scrutineer but cannot greet voters at the door, socialize in the voting location or pass out campaign material.

Scrutineers cannot utilize electronic equipment at the voting location that is disruptive, such as cell phones.

Scrutineer appointment forms will be provided to candidates when they file their nomination paper.

Scrutineers must follow the voting regulations and cannot disrupt voting in any way, shape or manner. Failure to comply will result in the removal of the scrutineer.

Voting (continued):

Results Reporting

All votes cast during advance voting will be tabulated immediately after the close of voting on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

The results will be posted online at winnipeg.ca/election2026.

Contact Information

City of Winnipeg Contact Centre

311

City Clerk's Department

In Person: Susan A. Thompson Building
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Important Dates

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Friday, May 1	Registration opens for candidates for Mayor
Tuesday, June 30	Registration opens for candidates for Councillor
Thursday, July 30	Begin accepting Sealed Envelope Ballot applications by mail or fax
Wednesday, August 26	Nomination notice appears in newspapers Election signs may be erected Voters list revision period closes
Wednesday, September 16	Nomination period begins - Senior Election Official begins accepting nomination papers during business hours up until 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 2026 Information package supplied to each candidate who files a nomination paper
Tuesday, September 22	Nomination period ends - Senior Election Official will accept nomination papers until 4:30 p.m. List of candidates available on the election website winnipeg.ca/election2026 and for viewing in the City Clerk's Department
Wednesday, September 23	Deadline for withdrawal - candidates may withdraw their nomination, in writing, until 4:30 p.m. Random draw at 6:00 p.m. to determine the order in which candidates' names will appear on the ballot
Monday, September 28	Public Notice of Election, including names of nominated candidates, hours of voting, advance voting, voting by sealed envelope ballot, ID requirements, etc., appears in newspapers
Thursday, October 1	In person sealed envelope ballot pick-up begins

Important Dates (continued):

Monday, October 5	Advance voting opens at City Hall, City Clerk's Department, Susan A. Thompson Building, 510 Main Street Further advance voting opportunities will take place at numerous locations
Monday, October 12	Thanksgiving Monday – City Hall and Voting locations closed for Statutory Holiday
Friday, October 23	Advance voting closes at City Hall at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25	Deadline for Senior Election Official to accept applications to vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot - 4:30 p.m. (Election office open from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28	ELECTION DAY - 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 29	DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS by Senior Election Official
Tuesday, November 3	Term of Office for the elected candidate begins with the Inaugural Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 4	Deadline for removal of Campaign Signs
Thursday, November 12	Deadline for application of Judicial Recount to the Court of King's Bench by voter or candidate / deadline for application to the Court of King's Bench challenging results of the election
Sunday, December 27	Deadline to file audited financial statement for those candidates who did not file a nomination paper or who withdrew

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Wednesday, March 31	Campaign Period ends for candidates
Wednesday, May 26	Deadline to file audited financial statement for those candidates who filed a nomination paper and who did not withdraw
Tuesday, December 28	Deadline for contributors to submit rebate applications

Council and its Powers

Council is the governing body of the City and the custodian of its powers, both legislative and administrative. The City may exercise only those powers granted to it by legislation.

Policy making at the local level is limited and controlled by provincial government statute. The City of Winnipeg Charter provides the majority of powers and authority to the City of Winnipeg. However, other statutes extend additional authority to City Council in its decision making process.

The composition of City Council is legislated under Part 3 of The City of Winnipeg Charter and consists of 15 Councillors and the Mayor. Each Councillor represents an individual ward while the Mayor is elected by a vote of the city-at-large.

Councillors have a dual role, as they are members of Council (decisions affecting the whole city) and members of the Community Committees (local community issues).

City Council exercises its powers either by by-law or resolution passed at a regular or special meeting when a quorum is present.

City Council meets at least once a month on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Council Building, 510 Main Street. Council sets the Schedule of Meetings for Council and its Committees, usually in November or December of the preceding year. Special Meetings are not uncommon. The conduct and procedures followed at Council and Committee Meetings is set forth in the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007, and in accordance with the provisions of The City of Winnipeg Charter.

Pursuant to The City of Winnipeg Charter, Council has the authority to establish committees of Council and Council may, by by-law, delegate a power, duty or function to a committee of Council.

The authority to make final decisions on the following matters remains with Council and cannot be delegated to any political or administrative level below Council:

- authority to enact a by-law
- authority to approve an operating or capital budget;
- authority to appoint, suspend or dismiss a statutory officer; or
- authority to enter into a collective agreement in respect of employees.

In addition to The City of Winnipeg Charter providing governance and direction to the City and its elected officials, the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 provides for the governance and administrative structure of the City, and delegates certain powers and responsibilities from City Council to Executive Policy Committee, the Standing Committees and the Chief Administrative Officer.

The City of Winnipeg Charter and the City Organization By-law can be found on the City's website winnipeg.ca/election2026.

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