



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to run for council?

In order to run for office in the Town of Minto, the individual must be:

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

Who is not eligible to run for council?

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

When can interested candidates file their nomination paperwork?

Individuals can file their nomination paperwork beginning Friday May 1, 2026 at 8:30 AM and up until Friday August 21, 2026 at 2:00 PM, by appointment.

Is it possible to file your nomination online?

Unfortunately, candidates must file their nomination papers in-person or by an agent at the Town Office, by appointment.

When can I campaign?

Candidates can only start campaigning after the nomination papers are filed. Candidates may campaign up until the end of Voting Day.

When will nomination papers be made available?

The 2026 Municipal election nomination forms are currently available on the Town's website. Hard copies can be picked up at the Town of Minto Municipal Office, 5941 Highway 89, Harriston.

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:

- Identification suitable to the Clerk
- Nomination Paper - Form 1
- Endorsement of Nomination - Form 2, along with signatures from 25 eligible electors from the Town of Minto
- Application filing fee (\$200 to run for Mayor, \$100 to run for all other positions)

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 yourself - must be deposited into the campaign bank account. All expenses must be paid through the campaign bank account.

Can I withdraw my nomination?

Yes, the last day to withdraw a Nomination form is Friday August 21, 2026 at 2:00PM

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How many times does Council meet?

Council meets on average two times per month. You can view the current Council Meeting Schedule on our website.

When do I receive a copy of the Voters' List?

A copy of the voters' list is provided by September 1, 2026 for the specific office you are running for.

Do I have to resign from my position on a Town's Advisory Committee or Board if I become a candidate?

There is no requirement to resign from an Advisory Board or Committee.

Do I have to resign from my position as a Volunteer Firefighter with Minto Fire?

There is no requirement to resign from your position with Minto Fire. According to the Municipal Elections Act, a person shall not be considered an employee of a municipality or local board for the purposes of this section by reason only of being a volunteer firefighter as defined in the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997.

How much does the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council get paid?

Council Remuneration for the 2026-2030 Term of Office will be set sometime in 2026, prior to the election. *This section will be updated once that is set.*

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors are provided with a modest Health Care Spending Account and are enrolled in the OMERS Pension Program, as long as they meet eligibility requirements.

What is the limit for contributions from other people (other than yourself or your spouse)?

There is a \$1,200.00 limit that applied to contributions from other individuals.

Who can contribute to my campaign?

Only individuals (including you or your spouse) are permitted to contribute to your campaign. Corporations and Unions are **not** permitted to make contributions.

When is Voting Day?

Monday October 26, 2026

For more information and available forms, visit:

www.town.minto.on.ca/government/2026-municipal-election



Interested candidates are encouraged to make an appointment to file nomination paperwork.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Annilene McRobb, Returning Officer at 19-338-2511 ext 230 or by email at annilene@town.minto.on.ca

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