

**2022 Municipal Election**

**City of Thorold**

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**Candidate Information Package**

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## About this Guide

This information package has been prepared for the purpose of supplying information to persons intending to run for elected office in the City of Thorold. The contents of this guide are intended to act only as a summary and reference to certain provisions of relevant legislation. It does not contain all applicable statutory references.

Prospective candidates must satisfy themselves through their own determination that they have complied with the election financing regulations and that they are in fact qualified, and not disqualified by law, to seek elected office. Candidates must make themselves aware of the penalty sections of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (“MEA”) respecting campaign finances.

This document is subject to revisions. Please check the website (ThoroldVotes.ca) for the most up-to-date version.

All elections procedures are subject to change based on public health guidelines.

## Key Contacts

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## Important Dates

May 2, 2022	Nominations may be filed
August 19, 2022	Nomination Day – last day to file nominations from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
August 22, 2022	Nominations to be certified or rejected by the Clerk by 4 p.m.  Acclamations after 4 p.m.
September 1, 2022	Voters' List available to certified candidates
October 11-24, 2022	Voting Period – begins at 10 a.m. on October 11 and ends at 8 p.m. on October 24
October 24, 2022	Voting Day
November 21, 2022	Council term begins
January 3, 2023	Campaign period ends  Last day to file extension of campaign
March 31, 2023	Financial filing deadline

## Offices to be Elected

### Municipal

- (1) Mayor
- (8) Councillors
- (1) Regional Councillor

### School Boards

- (1) School Board Trustee – English Public – City of Thorold (Areas of Pelham/Thorold)
- (1) School Board Trustee – French Public
- (1) School Board Trustee – French Separate
- (1) School Board Trustee – English Separate – City of Thorold (Areas of St. Catharines – Merritton/Thorold)

## Qualifications – Who can be a Candidate

### Member of City Council/Regional Council

A person who is qualified to be a Voter in the City of Thorold 2022 Municipal Election is also eligible to be a Candidate for office – which means the day you submit your Nomination Form, you must be qualified to hold that office.

#### You must be:

- A resident of the City of Thorold, or an owner or tenant of land in the City of Thorold, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant;
- A Canadian citizen;
- At least 18 years old; and
- Not disqualified by any legislation from holding office.

### Ineligibility

The following are ineligible to be elected as members of Council:

1. An employee of the City of Thorold, except during an authorized leave of absence (the leave of absence must begin upon filing the Nomination Form);
2. A person who is not an employee of the municipality, but who is the Clerk, Treasurer, Integrity Commissioner, Auditor General, Ombudsman or registrar, or who holds any administrative position of the municipality;
3. A judge of any court;
4. A member of the Assembly as provided in the *Legislative Assembly Act, 1990* of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada;
5. A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution; and
6. A person who was convicted of the corrupt practice described in subsection 90 (3) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, if voting day in the current election is less than five years after.

In order to be considered for declaration as a legally qualified Municipal Candidate, you must file a Nomination Form – Form 1 and a Declaration of Qualifications for the City of Thorold 2022 Municipal Election.

The deadline for filing Nomination Forms is **Friday, August 19, 2022 at 2 p.m.**

## **School Board Trustee**

A Candidate for School Board Trustee must reside within the Board area and be a supporter of that Board. Please Consult the *Education Act, 1990*, for additional information.

## **Ineligibility**

A person is ineligible to be elected or to act as a member of a district school board or school authority if the person is:

1. An employee of any district school board or school authority;
2. The Clerk or Treasurer or Deputy Clerk or Deputy Treasurer of a municipality or an upper-tier municipality, all or part of which is included in the area of jurisdiction of the district school board or school authority;
3. A member of the Assembly or of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada; or
4. Otherwise ineligible or disqualified under the Education Act, 1990 or any other Act.

## Nomination Papers

Every person who proposed to be a candidate must file their Nomination Papers prior to receiving any campaign contributions and/or spending any funds on a campaign. Nomination Papers (Form 1) will be available at the Clerk's Office from Monday, May 2, 2022 to Thursday, August 18, 2022 during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) and between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day) and on [Thoroldvotes.ca](https://Thoroldvotes.ca).

Nominations must be submitted in person to the City Clerk at the Thorold City Hall – 3540 Schmon Parkway, Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6. Candidates are required to complete their Nominations forms, including a Declaration of Qualification, which must be administered by a Commissioner of Oaths (the City Clerk or Delegate).

The nomination requirements also include:

- the prescribed statement of qualifications, signed by the person being nominated;
- the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for (Mayor) and \$100.00 for all other offices (Councillors, Regional Councillor, and School Board Trustees) – the filing fee shall be paid by cash, debit card, certified cheque or money order payable to the municipality; and
- with proof of identity and residence as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13.

The nomination of a candidate for an office on Council (Mayor, City Councillor, Regional Councillor) must be endorsed by at least 25 persons. Please note, individuals may endorse more than one nomination. The person endorsing a nomination must be eligible to vote in an election for an office within the City of Thorold, if a regular election was held on the day that the person endorses the nomination. Endorsements can be collected using the “Endorsement of Nomination” form (Form 2).

Nominations for School Board Candidates do not need to be endorsed.

## Withdrawal of Nominations

A candidate may withdraw their nomination by filing a written withdrawal with the Clerk's Department before 2 p.m. on August 19, 2022. The candidate will be asked for identification when filing their withdrawal. Once a nomination is withdrawn, the Clerk will provide notice as follows:

- to all Candidates by email; and
- to the public by updating the unofficial list of candidates.

### **Examination and Certification of Nominations by the Clerk**

On or before Monday, August 22, 2022, at 4 p.m., the Clerk will review each nomination received. The Clerk will certify the nomination by signing the nomination paper if satisfied that the person being nominated is qualified and the nomination complies with the Act.

The Clerk will reject a nomination if the person being nominated is not qualified to be nominated or the nomination does not comply with the Act. Notice of a rejected nomination will be provided as follows:

- a written notice of rejection of nomination will be sent to the person being nominated by email; and
- notice will be sent to all Candidates by email.

The Clerk's decision to certify or reject a nomination is final.

### **Acclamations**

If after 4 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2022, the number of Certified Candidates for an office is the same as or fewer than the number to be elected, the Clerk will declare the Candidate(s) elected by acclamation and post a notice at City Hall and online.

There is no election for any offices that have been acclaimed.

### **Access to Candidate Contact Information Background:**

After a candidate files a nomination paper, the media and the public frequently wish to make contact with him/her. The information contained in a nomination paper is deemed to be a public record by s. 88 of the Municipal Elections Act, as amended, and may be inspected by any person at the Office of the Clerk at a time when the office is open. However, the media and the public generally do not wish to take the time to go to the office to view the information. They would prefer instead to be able to obtain contact information by telephone or on the internet.

A candidate wishing to establish a campaign profile may find such contact to be of assistance. Therefore, in order to make this initial contact easier, a candidate may wish to authorize the Clerk/Returning Officer to release a contact telephone number. Please note that there is no obligation on the part of a candidate to authorize the release of this contact information.

## Campaign Information

Candidates are advised to refer to the Province of Ontario's 2018 Candidate's Guide for information regarding campaign contributions, fund raising and campaign expenses. A copy of the Provincial guide is posted on the City website and is available in hardcopy from the Clerk's Department. Candidates should seek their own legal or accounting advice for questions about campaign finances. The Clerk is not responsible for giving financial advice.

## Campaign Expense Limits

There are limits on the amount a Candidate may spend during the campaign period. The limit on campaign expenses is based on a formula related to the number of electors entitled to vote for the office:

**Mayoral Candidates** \$7,500 + 85 cents per Eligible Elector

**Councillor and School Board Candidates** \$5,000 + 85 cents per Eligible Elector (entitled to vote for that office)

**As a reference point only** – the following chart lists the campaign expense formula. Please note that these figures will change as additions and deletions are made to the Voters' List up to Nomination Day.

Position	Base Rate	Per Elector	Registered Electors, 2018	Total
Mayor	\$7,500	\$0.85	14,471	<b>\$19,800.35</b>
Councillor	\$5,000	\$0.85	14,471	<b>\$17,300.35</b>
School Board Trustee – English Public (Pelham/Thorold)	\$5,000	\$0.85	20,696 (Pelham/Thorold)	<b>\$22,591.60</b>
School Board Trustee – Merritton/Thorold)	\$5,000	\$0.85	7,304 (Merritton/Thorold)	<b>\$11,208.40</b>
School Board Trustee – French Public	<b>View City of Welland</b>			
School Board Trustee – French Separate	<b>View City of St. Catharines</b>			

## Candidate Responsibilities for campaign finances

It is the responsibility of the Candidate to ensure that one or more campaign accounts are opened at a financial institution exclusively for the purposes of the election and **in the name of the Candidate's election campaign**. All contributions of money are deposited into the campaign accounts; all payments for expenses are made from the campaign accounts (**except for filing fee**); and all contributions are valued.

Contributions can only be made to Candidates who are nominated. It is illegal to make a contribution to a Candidate who is not nominated.

Contributions may be made by:

- an individual who is normally a resident in Ontario; and
- the Candidate and his or her spouse.

Contributions **cannot** be made by the following:

- a corporation;
- a trade union;
- an individual who is not normally a resident in Ontario;
- a provincial/federal political party, constituency association, or a registered candidate in a provincial/federal election; and
- a federal or provincial government, a municipality or a school board.

The candidate must ensure:

- Receipts are issued for every contribution and obtained for every expense;
- Financial filings are made as required by the *Municipal Elections Act*;
- Proper direction is given to the persons who are authorized to incur expenses and accept or solicit contributions on behalf of the Candidate;
- Any contribution of money in contravention of this Act is returned to the contributor as soon as possible after the Candidate becomes aware of the contravention;
- Any such contribution not returned is paid to the Clerk; and
- Any anonymous contribution is paid to the Clerk.

Records are kept of the following:

- Receipts issued for contributions, the value of every contribution, whether a contribution was in the form of money, goods or services, and the contributor's name and address;
- Every expense including the receipts obtained for each expense;
- Any claim for payment of expenses that the Candidate disputes or refuses to pay;
- The gross income from a fund-raising function and gross amount of money received at a fund-raising function by donations of \$25 or less; and
- Any loan and its terms.

The records described above must be retained for the term of office of the members of Council or local Board and until their successors are elected and the newly elected Council or local Board is organized.

## Financial Statements

It is the responsibility of the candidate to file a complete and accurate financial statement on time.

The filing deadline is **March 31, 2023** by **2 p.m.**

All nominated candidates, including those not elected, those who withdrew their nomination or those whose nomination was rejected by the Clerk, must disclose and report their contributions and expenses as of December 31, 2022 in accordance with the following:

- a. all candidates are required to file a detailed financial statement; and
- b. candidates whose campaign contributions and total expenses are greater than \$10,000.00 must have their financial statement audited and submit the auditor's report to the Clerk along with their financial statement.

If an error is identified in a filed financial statement the candidate may withdraw the statement and, at the same time, file a corrected financial statement and auditor's report (if applicable) on or before the applicable filing date.

Candidates must keep all records for the term of office (i.e. until November 14, 2026), and those records should include a copy of the financial documents filed with the Clerk.

Candidates who do not file a financial statement by the deadline forfeit any office to which they have been elected and are ineligible to run in the next election.

The penalties associated with late filing do not take effect if the relevant documents are filed by a candidate 30 days after the filing date along with a late filing fee of \$500.00.

A candidate's nomination fee will only be refunded if a financial statement is filed on time. If a candidate doesn't file a financial statement on time and is willing to pay a \$500.00 late filing fee, the candidate will be provided an additional 30-day period to file the financial statement. In this instance, the candidate will not be refunded the nomination filing fee. There have been no changes to the provision that candidates who fail to file a financial statement are automatically prohibited from being elected or appointed to any office to which the MEA applies until after the next regular election.

The Clerk is required to review all financial statements received to identify whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits. If any contributor has exceeded the contribution limits, the Clerk is required to report this to the Compliance Audit Committee as soon as possible after the filing deadline. Within 30 days of receiving the Clerk's report, the Compliance Audit Committee must meet and decide whether to commence legal proceedings against a contributor.

Additional campaign finance rules include the following:

- A new spending limit for parties and expressions of appreciation after Voting Day will be implemented. The spending limit will be set out in a regulation (yet to be introduced);
- Candidates who do not accept any contributions of money or incur any expenses will no longer be required to open a campaign bank account;
- After the 2022 Municipal Elections, candidates will not be permitted to carry forward campaign deficits from the previous campaign;
- Candidates will be required to inform contributors of contribution limits. Contribution limits have not changed - a contributor is limited to a total of \$750.00 to any one candidate in an election (except in the case of the office of Mayor of the City of Toronto) and \$5,000.00 to two or more candidates for office on the same council or local board; and
- Anonymous and cash contributions are now capped at \$25.00, an increase from the former limit of \$10.00.

Candidates and third party advertisers are required to identify themselves on campaign advertising and signs so that it is clear who is responsible for each sign and advertisement that appears or is broadcast.

### **Third Party Advertising**

Third party advertising is a message in any medium (billboard, newspaper, radio, pamphlet etc.) that supports or opposes a candidate or series of candidates or a “yes” or “no” answer for a referendum question. Third party advertisers are required to register with the municipality where they want to advertise. If they want to advertise in more than one municipality they would be required to register in each of those municipalities. Registration would allow a third party advertiser to promote or oppose any candidate that the voters in a municipality can vote for, inclusive of council and school board positions.

Third party advertising must be done independently of candidates, who would not be able to direct a third party advertiser on where they should focus their efforts, or what the advertisement(s) should say. Candidates would not be able to register as third party advertiser. If a candidate wishes to promote or oppose a “yes” or “no” answer for a referendum question, it would be part of the candidate’s campaign.

Third party advertising does not include:

- An advertisement by or under the direction of a candidate;
- Where no expenses are incurred by the person / entity in relation to the advertisement;  
or
- Advertising or communication when given or transmitted by an individual to employees, by a corporation to its shareholders, directors, members, or employees or by a trade union to its members or employees.

The following are not permitted to register as a third party advertiser:

- Municipal election candidates;
- A federal party registered under the Canada Elections Act (Canada) or any federal constituency association or registered candidate at a federal election endorsed by that party;
- A provincial party, constituency association, registered candidate or leadership candidate under the Election Finances Act; and
- The Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or local board.

Most campaign finance rules that apply to candidates apply to third party advertisers. Third party advertisers will have spending limits and there will be contribution limits for those wishing to contribute to a third party advertiser and a requirement to submit a financial statement.

The spending limits for a Third Party Advertiser are as follows:

$$\$5,000.00 + 5 \text{ cents per Eligible Election } (\$723.55) = \$5,723.55$$

The City of Thorold has Third Party Advertiser Packages available upon request.

## Acceptable Documents for Voter Identification

You must present one of the following documents showing your name and address:

- An Ontario driver's licence
- An Ontario Health Card (photo card)
- An Ontario Photo Card
- An Ontario motor vehicle permit (vehicle portion)
- A cancelled personalized cheque
- A mortgage statement, lease or rental agreement relating to property in Ontario
- An insurance policy or insurance statement
- A loan agreement or other financial agreement with a financial institution
- A document issued or certified by a court in Ontario
- Any other document from the government of Canada, Ontario or a municipality in Ontario or from an agency or such a government
- Any document from a Band Council in Ontario established under the *Indian Act* (Canada)
- An income tax assessment notice
- A Child Tax Benefit Statement
- A Statement of Employment Insurance Benefits Paid T4E
- A Statement of Old Age Security T4A (OAS)
- A Statement of Canada Pension Plan Benefits T4A (P)
- A Canada Pension Plan Statement of Contributions
- A Statement of Direct Deposit for Ontario Works
- A Statement of Direct Deposit for Ontario Disability Support Program
- A Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Statement of Benefits T5007
- A property tax assessment
- A credit card statement, bank account statement, or RRSP, RRIF, RHOSP or T5 statement
- A CNIB Card or a card from another registered charitable organization that provides services to persons with disabilities
- A hospital card or record
- A document showing campus residence, issued by the office or officials responsible for student residence at a post-secondary institution
- A document showing residence at a long-term care home under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, issued by the Administrator for the home
- A utility bill for hydro, water, gas, telephone or cable TV or a bill from a public utilities commission
- A cheque stub, T4 statement or pay receipt issued by an employer
- A transcript or report card from a post-secondary school

## Scrutineers (Candidates' Agents)

A candidate may appoint scrutineers to represent them at the polls during the voting and at the counting of the vote. The appointment of a scrutineer is to be made on the appropriate form which is available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Prescribed forms appointing scrutineers must be signed and approved by the Clerk. A candidate may appoint one scrutineer for each voting station. Scrutineers must show their written appointment to election officials upon request. Only one scrutineer per candidate may be in the voting place at each polling station. Candidates who enter the voting place are considered to be scrutineers and one of their scrutineers must leave the voting place during the period of time the candidate is in attendance.

Scrutineers are entitled to:

- be present when materials and documents are delivered to the Clerk following advance voting and on voting day;
- enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens to inspect the ballot boxes, ballots, and all other papers, forms and documents relating to the vote (but not to delay the timely opening of the voting place);
- to place his or her own seal on the ballot box, immediately before the opening of the voting place, so that ballots can be deposited in the box and cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal;
- to examine each ballot as the votes are being counted by the deputy returning officer under section 54 of the *Municipal Elections Act* (but not to touch the ballot);
- sign the Deputy Returning Officer's (DRO) statement at the close of the polls; and
- the role of candidates and scrutineers in the voting place is to scrutinize the integrity of the process, not a communicative role, and candidates and scrutineers are not to speak to electors.

Scrutineers and Candidates are prohibited from:

- attempting, directly or indirectly, to interfere with how an elector casts their ballot;
- attempting to campaign or persuade an elector to vote for a particular candidate;
- displaying a candidate's campaign material in a voting place; this includes wearing campaign buttons;
- compromising the secrecy of voting;
- interfering or attempting to interfere with an elector marking a ballot;
- obtaining or attempting to obtain, in a voting place, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted;
- communicating any information obtained at a voting place about how an elector intends to vote or has voted;
- handle any of the DRO's supplies, including the poll book; and
- serving as an interpreter for a voter.

## **Guidelines Regarding the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes**

The purpose of this document, Policy 100-01, is to provide guidelines regarding the use of corporate resources during an election year. The Municipal Act prohibits a City from contributing to an election campaign, and a candidate from accepting a contribution from someone prohibited from contributing. As a contribution may take various forms (money, goods or services, equipment etc.) The policy seeks to clarify to all election candidates, elected members, and City staff that use of the corporation's resources for an election campaign would be illegal.

All candidates should be aware that during staff working hours, staff may not canvass or actively work in support of a municipal, provincial or federal candidate or party.

### **City of Thorold Sign By-Law – By-law No. 44-2018**

The City of Thorold has a by-law which regulates the placement of notices and signs on City streets and public property (walkways, parks, etc.). Violations of the by-law expose both the offender and the City to possible legal actions from a third party.

Generally speaking, By-law 44-2018 regulates the posting or erecting of any signs, posters, or notices within the right-of-way. This includes posting same on trees, posts, fences, etc., or erecting/placing signs on walks, boulevards and parks which are City property.

This "Sign By-Law" does not affect private properties which are subject to the signs by-law and zoning restrictions as enforced by By-Law Enforcement. The "Sign By-law" is designed to protect the public, utilities and utility workers from the hazards of indiscriminately placed or installed signs, posters and notices.

### **Niagara Region Sign By-law – By-law No. 122-2013**

The Regional Municipality of Niagara prohibits or regulates the placement or erection of any sign or advertising device within 400 metres of the limit of a Regional Road.

## Frequently Asked Questions for Candidates

### Q: What are the responsibilities of these offices?

**A:** The **Mayor** is responsible to provide leadership and act as a spokesperson for the City of Thorold to the public and to work with other levels of government.

**Council** is made up of nine (9) individuals who act as the primary decision-making body for the City. The Council relies on reports and recommendations from its administration and the help of its various Committees to make decisions. The role of Council is to develop policies and adopt By-laws or resolutions based on these recommendations. Council composition includes 1 Elected Mayor and 8 Elected Councillors.

### Q: What is the time commitment if I am elected?

**A:** The Mayor is not only committed to their civic duties, but also committed to Council and Committees as appointed by the City of Thorold. The time commitment varies from individual to individual and can depend upon the Councillor's employment circumstances. A Councillor can expect to devote time for an average of two (2) council meetings per month along with various duties on Boards and Committees as appointed by Council.

This would include, but not limited to the following:

- Council Meetings (Quorum Required) (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m.);
- Statutory Public Forum Meetings (Quorum Not Required) (Meetings as required beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays prior to Council meetings);
- Budget Meetings & Workshops (Quorum Required) (Meetings as required)
- Attendance at extra Boards and Committees that a Councillor can be expected to be appointed to by Council;
- Telephone calls and contact with constituents; and
- Reading agendas and research time.

Currently Members of Council are appointed to sit on various boards and committees which meet at different times during the month.

### Q: Can I use the municipal logo on my campaign material?

**A:** Use of any corporate logo, crest or image by Candidates on signs, brochures, websites or any other election related material is **strictly prohibited**. The reason for this prohibition is to remove any suggestion that the municipality supports or otherwise endorses any Candidate, campaign material or statements made by Candidates. Please view "**Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes**" found in your Candidates guide for further information.

**Q: When is the Council Inauguration Ceremony?**

**A:** The Council Inauguration Ceremony is held on November 15, 2022 at City Hall. Invitations will be sent out following the election.

**Q: When is the first working meeting?**

**A:** The first working meeting is currently scheduled for December 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall (or by Zoom if required).

**Q: Who cannot make contributions?**

**A:** The following cannot contribute to a Candidate's campaign:

- A federal political party, a federal constituency association or a Candidate at a federal election endorsed by a party;
- A provincial political party, constituency association, registered Candidate or leadership contestant, registered under the Elections Finances Act; and
- The Crown in Right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or local Board.

**Q: What limits are there on contributions?**

**A:** Contributions under \$25.00 may be made in cash. Any contribution over that amount must not be made in cash. No contributor may contribute in excess of \$750.00 to any one Candidate in an election regardless of the number of offices for which the Candidate has been nominated. In addition, a contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$5,000.00 to two or more candidates for office on the same council or board.

No person shall make contributions of money that does not belong to the contributor with the exception of loans granted by a lending institution, which are permitted under the Act.

**Q: What restrictions are there on fund-raising events?**

**A:** The legislation prohibits fund-raising functions for a person who is not a Candidate. In addition, fund-raising events can only be held during the Candidate's campaign period.

**Q: Can I borrow money for my campaign?**

**A:** The Candidate or his or her spouse may borrow money for the Candidate's campaign from any bank or other recognized lending institution in Ontario. The money must go through the Candidate's Election campaign account. No person, other than the Candidate or his or her spouse may guarantee the loan.