



Hamilton

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

April 10, 2026

Introduction

- Commitment to an accessible election for all City of Hamilton citizens.
- Aligns with Hamilton's Age Friendly Plan (2021-2026)

2026 Municipal Election

- Ensure electoral services are accessible to all eligible voters and candidates;
- Engage with equity deserving and citizen advisory committees to help identify additional barriers to voting;
- Identify and eliminate barriers; and
- Create a positive and inclusive voting experience for all electors.

Legislation and Policy

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 – Sections 44 and 45

- Voting Proxy
- The Clerk is responsible for establishing the number and location of voting places for an election that are considered convenient for the electors.
- Voting Places shall be provided within institutions that align with the requirements of the MEA.

2026 Voting Opportunities

- Voting for the municipal election takes place throughout the month of October, with final day of Voting on **Monday, October 26, 2026.**
- **Advanced Polls** (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.):
October 3 and 4
October 10 and 11
October 17 and 18
- **Community Polls** (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.):
September 26 and 27
- **Ballot on Demand Polls** (Dates and Hours vary):
McMaster University
Mohawk College
Redeemer University
- **City Hall** (October 16 - 23)

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- **Election Communication and Information**
- Voting Method
- Voting Locations
- Recruitment, Staffing and Training
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NEW for 2026

- Exploring option for candidates, and third parties to make on-line Appointment Booking for Nominations.
- Expansion of Ballot on Demand voting locations.
- Increase in number of Community Polls.
- Enhanced mandatory in-person, and on-line training for all Poll Workers.

Summary

- 2026 Election planning has been built applying 2022 successes and feedback.
- Supports full participation of all City of Hamilton residents in the election process.



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