



2022 Municipal Elections

FILING OF NOMINATION

A person can only become a candidate during the Nomination Period. **The Nomination Period starts on Monday, May 2, 2022, and ends on Friday, August 19, 2022, at 2:00 pm.**

Nomination papers will not be accepted after the deadline.

Nomination papers must be signed by the Candidate and filed in person or by an agent (no fax or email). **Potential candidates must make an appointment with the Municipal Clerk to ensure availability to receive the nomination.** Please call 705-776-2641 ext. 122 or 124 to make an appointment to file your nomination paper.

Nominations must be filed at the Municipal Office, 365 Highway 531, Bonfield, ON, during the following period:

Monday, May 2, 2022, through to Thursday, August 18, 2022, during regular business hours between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm (except holidays) and on Friday, August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day) between 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. On **Nomination Day**, candidates must make their presence known to the Clerk before 2:00 pm. Any **Nomination papers after the 2:00 pm deadline will not be accepted.**

Nominations must be made by completing and filing the nominations on the prescribed form and accompanied by the Declaration of Qualification in the Municipal Clerk's Office, including acceptable identification (must be valid and contain the Candidate's name, qualifying address, and signature). The prescribed nomination filing fee (**\$200 for the Office of Mayor, \$100 for all other offices**) and any other documentation required for the filing process. The filing fee is payable by cash, debit, certified cheque, bank draft, or money order payable to the Township of Bonfield.

If, after having filed a nomination form, a candidate wishes to file a nomination for a different office in the same election, the first nomination shall be deemed to have been withdrawn at the time the second nomination is filed. The filing fee is deemed to have been paid with the latest filing if the two nominations are for the same council/board unless changing offices.

If a more significant number of candidates are certified than are required to fill the said office, there will be an election. If the number of nominations for an office is less than the number of candidates to be elected, an additional Notice of Nomination will be advertised on the website only, and additional nominations may be filed between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on the Monday following Nomination Day (August 22, 2022).



EXAMINATION OF NOMINATIONS

Before 4:00 pm on the Monday following Nomination Day (August 19, 2022), the Clerk shall examine each nomination filed, and if satisfied, the person is qualified to be nominated, and that the nomination complies with the [Municipal Elections Act \(MEA\)](#) the Clerk shall certify as such on the nomination filed.

If not satisfied, the Clerk shall reject the nomination and, as soon as possible, give notice to the person who sought to be nominated and all other candidates for that office.

The Clerk's decision to clarify or reject a nomination is final. Under the **(MEA)**, the Clerk must either reject or certify nominations of candidates. The Clerk may wish to consider the following criteria in their decision to reject or clarify individual nominations:

- The Candidate has refused or declined to provide proof of identification suitable to the Clerk;
- The Candidate does not satisfy the requirements set out in [MEA, s.29\(1\)](#) (eligibility requirements);
- The nomination form is incomplete;
- The prescribed filing fee has not been paid; and
- The necessary financial disclosure was not filed for the previous election or any by-election in which the individual may have been a candidate.