

2018 Municipal Election Notice and Information

Municipal Elections are held every four (4) years on the fourth Monday in October. The next Municipal Election will take place on October 22, 2018.

The term of all offices to which the Municipal Election Act applies is four years, beginning on December 1st, 2018 and end on November 14th, 2022.

The Council for the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield consists of five (5) members;

One (1) Mayor and four (4) Councillors.

Voting Method

The Township of Bonfield will continue to use traditional ballots for the 2018 Municipal and School Board Elections. Council determines the method of voting and may consider other voting methods for future elections. Ranked ballots will not be implemented in 2018.

Municipal Election Act

Bill 181 was introduced to make changes to the Municipal Election Act. Some changes do not come into effect until April 1st, 2018 in time for the upcoming municipal election. The changes reflect recommendations from the public, municipal councils and municipal staff. Some of the changes are as follows:

Filing of Nominations: May 1st, 2018 (formerly the first business day in January)

Nomination Day: July 27th, 2018 (formerly the second Friday in September)

Nomination and Eligibility: Anyone wishing to run for office on Council in the 2018 Election must file a Nomination Paper with the Clerk of the Municipality commencing May 1st, 2018. The deadline to submit nomination papers is on Nomination Day by 2:00 pm Friday, July 27th, 2018. A filing fee may be paid in cash, debit, by certified cheque or money order is required with the submission of a Nomination Paper. The prescribed Nomination Filing Fee is \$200 for Mayor and \$100 for Councillor.

If you are interested in running as a candidate in the Municipal Election, it is recommended that you review the Ministry of Municipal Affairs 2016-2018 Candidates Guide which is posted on the Ministry's website at: www.mmah.gov.on.ca. Candidates Guide & Nomination Forms can be picked up at the Municipal Office.

Elections are held for the following Offices:

Mayor	One (1) to be elected at large
Councillor	Four (4) to be elected at large

A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if on Voting Day, he or she:

- Resides in the local municipality, or is the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant
- Is a Canadian Citizen;
- Is at least 18 years old; and
- Is not prohibited from voting under Section 17; Subsection 3 of the Municipal Election Act, 1996 as amended, or otherwise by law.

Related Links

The Municipal Elections Act
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
The Association of Municipal Managers Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)

Dated April 10th, 2018
Peter M. Johnston, CAO/Clerk