



2018 Municipal Election

Notice and Information

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

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

The Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris consists of five (5) members: one (1) Mayor and four (4) Councillors.

Municipal Elections Act

Bill 181 was introduced to make changes to the Municipal Elections Act. Some changes do not come into effect until April 1, 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 2nd 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 p.m., Friday, July 27th, 2018. A filing fee in cash, debit, certified cheque or money order is required with the submission of a Nomination Paper. The prescribed Nomination Filing Fee is \$200.00 for Mayor and \$100.00 for Councillor.

Nomination papers are to be accompanied by 25 endorsement signatures from eligible electors. The requirement to submit 25 signatures does not apply to candidates running for school board trustee positions. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs heard from a number of municipalities that the requirement to collect 25 signatures endorsing a candidate's nomination, which comes into force on April 1, 2018, might present a challenge to candidates in certain municipalities. The Ministry consulted with small and rural municipalities to understand any challenges that they anticipate that candidates within their municipality may face in meeting this requirement. As a result of these consultations, the proposed changes to O. Reg. 101/97 provide an exemption to this requirement for candidates in municipalities with less than 4,000 electors. The Municipality of East Ferris does not fall under this exemption.

If you are interested in running as a candidate in the Municipal Election, it is recommended you review the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' 2016-2018 Candidates Guide which is scheduled to be completed and posted on the Ministry's website by April 1, 2018.

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 Elections Act, 1996 as amended, or otherwise by law.

Dated January 30th, 2018

Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk