



2025 Okotoks Election Campaign Information Session

For Okotoks Town Council Term 2025-2029

Okotoks





Agenda

- About Okotoks Elections
- 2025 Legislative Changes
- Campaign Information
- Key Dates
- Questions



Changes in Legislation and Election Bylaw

- Longer campaign period
- Special (mail-in) ballot eligibility and use of special ballots for 2025 in Okotoks
- Permanent local electors register
- Hand counting of ballots
- Three (3) voting locations on Election Day
- Advance and Election Day voting stations open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



New Campaign Process

Nominations is now a 2-step process:

- **Filing a Notice of Intent Form:** once filed and accepted by the Town, campaign contributions can be accepted and campaign expenses incurred
- **Register of Candidates:** will be posted on the Town website with the names of individuals who have filed Notice of Intent forms
- **Nomination Papers:** must be filed with the regulated forms produced by the Province, signed by eligible Okotoks electors, and include the applicable deposit
- **Registering a Notice of Intent Form:** does not get a candidate's name on the ballot. Nomination Papers also have to be filed for a name to be added to the ballot



Contribution Limits

- Candidate Self-Finance
 - \$10,000/election year campaign period
- Private Individuals Campaign Contributions
 - \$5,000/year to all candidates in a municipality
- Corporation, Trade Union, or Employee Organization
 - \$5,000/campaign period to all candidates in a municipality



Expense Limits

Expense Limits - \$32,000 (\$1/resident)

- All candidates need to file a campaign disclosure statement after the election, and by March 1, 2026
- A candidate must open a campaign account in the name of the candidate or election campaign at a financial institution as soon as possible after the total amount of contributions exceeds \$1,000
- Refer to the [Expense Limits Regulation](#)



Important Nomination Dates

Nomination Period: begins January 2, 2025

Nomination Day is: Monday, September 22, 2025

Submit Nomination Forms:

- **Before September 22:** make an appointment by email at elections@okotoks.ca; or
- **On September 22:** in person at the Municipal Centre, Council Chamber between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. (noon)



Campaign Signs

- Signs are allowed on private property with the consent of the property owner, as per the Land Use Bylaw, and can be erected six (6) weeks prior to Election Day (October 20) until seven (7) days after.
- Signs are allowed on public property only in the six (6) designated sign corrals, six (6) weeks prior to Election Day (October 20) until three (3) days after.
- Each candidate may have one (1) election sign that is the maximum size (1.5 m²); and no more than three (3) of any other size not exceeding the maximum size; for a maximum total of four (4) election signs, per designated sign corral
- Refer to the Town's [Election Signage Bylaw](#)



Election Day and Voting Locations

Monday, October 20, 2025 | 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- There are three (3) voting locations in town available to all residents
- To help spread out voters and minimize wait times, we encourage residents to vote at the location nearest to them:

Viking Rentals Centre (204 Community Way)
Residents south of the Sheep River

Okotoks Recreation Centre (99 Okotoks Drive)
Residents north of the Sheep River and east of Northridge Drive

D'Arcy Ranch Golf Club (376 D'Arcy Ranch Drive)
Residents north of the Sheep River and west of Northridge Drive



Point of Contact for Town Information



- Elections@okotoks.ca and Cathy Duplessis cduplessis@okotoks.ca are the point of contact for questions you may have as a candidate
- The elections teams will respond to questions, email those answers to all candidates as well as post on the Town's election web page
- This process will support transparency and equity in the election process for all candidates
- Candidates are entitled to information unless it is information protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- The Town's website (www.okotoks.ca) is a good source of information for Town specific information and <https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-affairs> is the provincial department responsible for municipalities





Questions?

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