

# MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATES' QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



**Q:** *How soon can an EL-15 be submitted and are those forms available?*

**A:** They are available, but at this time, Election staff have no access to the module to enumerate/add eligible voter to the Voters' List. We anticipate that we will be able to process EL 15s in early September after we have received the Voters' List from the vendors (DataFix and Intelivote.)

**Q:** *Sec 17 (2) of the Municipal Elections Act identifies who is eligible to be a voter, which includes the spouse of an owner or tenant; however, Sec 1 of the Act does not appear to define what constitutes a spouse. Clearly it would include those who are married, but are there further household arrangements that would entitle other forms of partners who might broadly fit within the "spouse" category?*

**A:** The Municipal Act provides the following definition for a "spouse" and is the same definition considered with respect to the Municipal Elections Act. "Spouse" means a person:

- a) to whom the person is married, or
- b) with whom the person is living outside marriage in a conjugal relationship, if the two persons (i) have cohabited for at least one year; (ii) are together the parents of a child; or (iii) have together entered into a cohabitation agreement under Section 53 of the Family Law Act, ("conjoint")

**Q:** *Is it reasonable/practical/legal for an individual, who fits within the qualified people identified in Sec 17 (2) of the Municipal Elections Act, but for a variety of reasons is not identified as such when searching [Voterlookup.ca](http://Voterlookup.ca) for them to "self register" on MPAC records instead of waiting until September 1<sup>st</sup> and request the name be added under Sec 24(1)(a)?*

**A:** The collection of information collected through [Voterlookup.ca](http://Voterlookup.ca) is intended for addition, deletions, and corrections to the Voters' List. This is a year-round tool that is specific for eligible voters to update their information. There is a disclaimer about the information being true and accurate and being a punishable offence. This is similar to the EL15 form they would be required to complete and by signing are swearing it to be

accurate. It should be noted that although they may be adding their names to the Voters' List the assumption that self-adding a name to the Voters' List does not necessarily ensure other MPAC products are updated the same way.

**Q:** *Has an application form under Sec 24 been developed and can it be scanned and emailed to the clerk in addition to the other options that are outlined?*

**A:** The EL 15 is a government regulated form for the purposes of adding an elector to the Voters' List. The eligible voter will be required to produce identification that supports their qualifying address. A list of acceptable identification can be found at: [Voters' list and identification/2022 Voters' Guide – Ontario.ca](#)

**Q:** *On what day will electors be able to start voting?*

**A:** The voting period will begin at 8:00 a.m. on October 17, 2022 and end at 8:00 p.m. on October 24, 2022.

**Q:** *For those people who reside primarily outside Canada but have Canadian citizenship, does a copy of the relevant passport details submitted with a Sec 24 application meet the requirements to be entered on the voter list?*

**A:** Similar to the requirements set out in the previous question, the passport could be one of the acceptable pieces of identification. The Returning Officer would not be able to accept this as identification if it has not been "commissioned" or certified as a "true copy" from their local town hall (whatever terminology is appropriate for the particular location) and this would need to be included with the completed EL15. We strongly encourage this to be addressed well in advance of Election Day.

**Q:** *What information is required on campaign signs?*

**A:** The only requirement is for the candidate's name and the position he or she is running for. The exception would be for Third Party Advertisers, in which case, the required information would include: name of registered Third Party; the municipality where the Third Party is registered; and a contact information – e.g., phone number, mailing address, email address.

**Q:** *If expenses are required to go through my campaign bank account, for which I do not have a credit card, is it still possible to use my personal credit card to pay for such things as online purchases (e.g. setting up a website)?*

**A:** It is suggested that you ask for a few cheques for your campaign account and then you could use your credit card to make purchases as long as you clearly make the connection and a notation that a cheque from your campaign account is paying off this credit card amount. Ensure that you obtain invoices and a clear paper trail for your Financial Statement submission at the end of the campaign.