



**Notice to the Municipal Electors of the Township of Madawaska Valley  
2026 Township of Madawaska Valley Municipal and School Board Election**

Notice is hereby given that the next Regular Municipal and School Board Election in the Township of Madawaska Valley is on October 26, 2026, to elect the offices of:

- One (1) Mayor (Representative at County of Renfrew Council)
- Four(4) Councillors
- School Board Trustees (Renfrew County District School Board; Renfrew County Catholic District School Board; Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario / Eastern Ontario French-Language Public School Board; Conseil des écoles Catholiques du Centre-Est / Eastern Ontario French-Language Catholic School Board)

**The new term of Council will begin on November 15, 2026**, with the Inaugural Meeting of Council taking place on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026**. This new term of Council will end on November 14, 2030.

**Eligibility criteria to run for municipal office:**

- A Canadian Citizen.
- At least 18 years of age at the time of filing nomination papers.
- Someone who resides in the Township of Madawaska Valley, or is the owner or tenant of land in the Township of Madawaska Valley, or the spouse of such owner or tenant.
- File a nomination that includes twenty-five (25) qualifying signatures (Endorsement of Nomination Form 2), and pays the appropriate fee.
- Not be prohibited from voting and not be otherwise disqualified from holding office under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, or any other applicable legislation.
- Additional eligibility requirements apply to candidates for School Board Trustee under the Education.

**Nomination Period for Candidates is May 1, 2026 – August 21, 2026**

- Nomination Period Begins - Friday, May 1, 2026 – Thursday, August 20, 2026, in person, during regular office hours (Monday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm, Tuesday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m., excluding holidays).
- Appointments with the Clerk are recommended. Candidates can schedule their appointment for May 1, 2026 onward anytime after April 27, 2026.
- Nomination Day – Friday, August 21, 2026, nominations can only be filed in person between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

- By 4 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026, following Nomination Day the clerk is to examine candidate nominations and if satisfied, certify the nomination. s.35(1),(2)  
By 4 p.m. on the Monday following Nomination Day the clerk is to declare candidate(s) elected by acclamation. s.37(1)
- Candidate information packages and applicable forms are available online and may be downloaded at any time. Printed copies will also be available for pick up at the Township office beginning April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Nominations and payment will be taken in person. Nominations may be filed by appointment during regular office hours.

### **Campaigning**

Campaign expenses may not be incurred until nomination papers are officially filed. This includes costs such as website development, domain registration, promotional materials, and advertising. Any expenses incurred before nomination cannot be included in your financial statements and will not be reimbursed. You may express your intent to run through unpaid promotions, such as social media posts, provided no money is spent. This is outlined in Section 88.20(1)-(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, which states that no campaign expenses may be incurred until a person is certified by the Deputy Returning Officer as a candidate.

### **Alternative Voting**

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley Council passed By-law No.2025-82 to authorize the use of alternative voting, electronic voting (internet), and the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting paper ballots for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. This electronic voting method ensures that all eligible electors can participate in an accessible, convenient, and safe method of voting.

### **Eligibility Criteria to Vote**

In accordance with Section 17(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, a person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if on voting day they:

- reside in the local municipality (Township of Madawaska Valley) or are the owner or tenant of land there, or are the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- are a Canadian citizen;
- are at least 18 years old; and
- are not otherwise prohibited from voting by law.

### **Voting Process**

Eligible electors should expect to receive a Voter Information Letter (VIL) in the mail, early October, which will include instructions on how to vote. Eligible electors will not be able to begin electronically casting their ballots until the voting period begins.

**The voting period will begin on October 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and will end on October 26, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.** During this period, ballots can only be cast electronically using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

### **In-Person Voting**

Eligible electors will also have the option to vote in person with paper ballot on select dates and times for advance polling , which will be announced closer to the election.

***Voting in person to receive a paper ballot will require the eligible elector to bring in their Voters Information Letter/Card received in the mail and their identification.***

### **VOTING DAY: In-Person Voting Only with Tabulator-Monday, October 26, 2026**

LOCATION: Twp Office located at 85 Bay Street, Barry's Bay ON

### **Voting Assistance**

A Voting Help Centre will be established at 85 Bay Street- Twp office, to provide eligible electors with voting assistance during the voting period (October 16-26)

A Voter Help Centre will be located at the Township of Madawaska Valley Municipal Office – 85 Bay Street Barry's Bay ON K0J 1B0. The hours of operation for the Voter Help Centre will be open during business hours

**Municipal Website Election Portal** – Ensure you are on the voters list as an owner or tenant, and your address is current. Register online or give us a call anytime prior to the voting period opening, if you need assistance.

For further information about the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, please visit the Town's dedicated election webpage [www.madawaskavalley.ca-Elections](http://www.madawaskavalley.ca-Elections).

If you have questions, you may also call our office at 613-756-2747ext210 or ext.212.

All questions or inquiries about the election should be directed the Clerk, Returning Officer at [elections@madawaskavalley.ca](mailto:elections@madawaskavalley.ca)

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