

Subject: Candidate Update #3

Dear Candidate,

Throughout the course of the administration of the 2020 Cumberland By-election, the City of Ottawa Elections Office will send out various updates to all candidates to keep you fully informed. Accordingly, this is the third Candidate Update issued.

Candidate Updates will also be available online on ottawa.ca/vote under the Key Dates and Resources section.

Final Spending Limits

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (the “MEA”) prescribes that the Clerk must calculate final spending limits applicable to each office for which nominations were filed.

Accordingly, please find attached a copy of the:

- Final Certificate of Permitted Amount of Expenses;
- Final Certificate of Permitted Amount of Contributions to a Candidate's Own Election Campaign; and
- Final Certificate of Maximum Amount for Parties and Other Expressions of Appreciation after Voting Day.

Initial spending limits for the 2020 Cumberland By-election were provided to you when you filed your nomination. Please note, the higher amount prevails as the spending limit when you file your financial statement(s).

Accessibility Plan

The 2020 Cumberland By-election Accessibility Plan has now been posted to ottawa.ca/vote under the “Key Dates and Resources” section, in accordance with the MEA.

The Accessibility Plan provides an overview of election tools and initiatives aimed at improving accessibility for voters and candidates in the 2020 Cumberland By-election. Candidates, electors and members of the public can access a detailed version of the plan as well as an abridged version on ottawa.ca/vote.

Voting Day – Display of Unofficial Election Results

“Unofficial” results will be available on ottawa.ca starting shortly after 8 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020. The unofficial results will be updated intermittently until all voting places have reported.

In accordance with the MEA, the City Clerk shall, as soon as possible after Voting Day, declare the candidate who received the highest number of votes to be elected. Once available, the official results will be posted on ottawa.ca.

By-election Key Dates and Councillor-Elect Declaration of Office

The key dates associated with the 2020 Cumberland By-election are available on the City's Elections website, ottawa.ca/vote.

Candidates should be aware that the Term of Office is expected to begin on Wednesday October 7, 2020. Subject to the announcement of the official election results, the Councillor-elect will be required to meet with the City Clerk on Wednesday October 7, 2020, in order to sign the Declaration of Office.

In addition, the newly-elected Councillor will participate in essential orientation meetings and transition activities prior to the scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. These orientation meetings and transition activities will be confirmed by the Office of the City Clerk in the coming weeks.

I trust this information is satisfactory. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the Elections Office by telephone at 613-580-2660, by email at elections@ottawa.ca or visit the Elections website at ottawa.ca/vote.

Yours truly,



M. Rick O'Connor, CMO
City Clerk

Previous Candidate Updates

In the previous candidate updates, you were provided with information on the following topics:

Candidate Update 1:

- The Elections Office and COVID-19
- Amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*
- Nomination and Withdrawals
- Authorization of Agents
- Candidate's Name as it is to Appear on the Ballot

- Pronunciation of a Candidate's Name on the Accessible Vote Tabulator
- Consent by Candidate – Release of Contact Information
- Campaigning During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Voting in the 2020 Cumberland By-election
- Restricting Candidate and Scrutineer Access to Long Term Care Facilities
- Information Session for Candidates and Third Party Advertisers
- Contribution Rebate Program
- 2020 Cumberland By-election Map
- Election Sign Restrictions – Public and Private Properties
- Elections' Interpretation Bulletin: Election Campaign Signs – Requirements under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*
- Access to Multi-residential Premises by Candidates and Their Representatives as well as the Display of Campaign Signs
- Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) – On-air Personalities as Candidates

Candidate Update 2:

- Information Session for Candidates and Third Party Advertisers
- Voters' List for Candidates
- Voters' List – Public Access
- Voters' List – Revision Process
- Strike-off Lists
- By-election Brochure and Voter Notification Letters
- Voting Places
- Reminder: COVID-19 Safety Measures for In-person Voting
- Voting Place Maps
- Reminder: Elections Sign Restrictions – Public and Private Properties