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**RUNNING FOR  
MAYOR OR  
COUNCIL IN  
2026?**

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION  
PACKAGE**

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## Key Dates

- **Nomination period:** May 1 - August 21, 2026  
by 2:00pm
- **Third Party Advertisers Registration Period:**  
May 1, October 23, 2026
- **Preliminary List of Electors:** August 14, 2026  
(*provided by Election's Ontario*)
- **Nominations Certified:** August 24, 2026
- **Withdrawal of Nomination:** August 21, 2026  
by 2:00pm
- **VOTING DAY:** October 26, 2026
- **ELECTION RESULTS:** October 27, 2026
- **Swearing in of New Mayor and Council:**  
November 16, 2026
- **First Regular Council Meeting of the New Mayor and Council:** November 23, 2026
- **Last Regular Meeting of Council for 2026:**  
December 14, 2026

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## What You **Need** To Do to **Begin** Your Campaign

- You must pay the Nomination Fee at the same time you submit your forms to the Municipal Clerk. The fee to run for Mayor is \$200 and to run for Councillor it is \$100
- Your official campaign period begins once you have submitted your forms to the Municipal Clerk
- It is highly recommended to book an appointment with the Municipal Clerk to file your nomination. We cannot guarantee the Municipal Clerk will be available to receive your nomination if an appointment is not made.

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## The forms you **must** file

### **Form 1 - Nomination Paper**

### **Form 2 - Endorsement of Nomination**

Must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk,  
Chelsea Greig

Can be filed as early as May 1, 2026 and the last  
day to file is August 21, 2026 at 2:00pm

You must provide a minimum of twenty-five (25)  
endorsements with your Form 2 to be eligible.

You will need to submit five (5) of these forms to  
provide all twenty-five (25) endorsements.

### **Form 5 - Financial Statement - Subsequent Expenses**

Must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk, Chelsea  
Greig by 2:00pm March 30, 2027

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## The forms you **might** file

### **Form 4 - Auditors Report**

Filed only if

- your campaign expenses exceed \$10,000
- the contributions you received (including contributions from yourself) exceed a total of \$10,000
- both your expenses and contributions exceed \$10,000 each

must be filed with your financial statement by  
2:00pm March 30, 2027

### **Form 6 - Notice of Extension of Campaign Period**

Filed only if

your campaign has run a deficit and you would like to extend your campaign until June 30, 2027. You must notify the Municipal Clerk on or before  
December 31, 2026.

**All 5 of these forms in English and French have been  
included in the Candidate Package**

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## What You **Can** Do **Before** Filing Your Nomination

- Publicly announce your intention to run for Mayor or Council via social media or word of mouth

## What You **Cannot** Do **Before** Filing Your Nomination

- Fundraise for your campaign advertising materials (posters, ads, branded content)
- Spend money on your campaign advertising materials (posters, ads, branded content)
- Use a campaign bank account
- Claim official candidate status (can only be claimed once your nomination has been filed)

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## What You **Can** Do **During** Your Official Campaign Period (after you have filed your nomination)

- Open an official campaign bank account
- Collect donations
- Run ads, distribute signs and actively campaign (make sure to check by-law 19-10 to know where you can place signs on Town owned property!)
- Report campaign finances

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## FAQ's

### ***“Can I run for both Mayor and Councillor?”***

No, you can only run for one position, and you do not receive a Councillor position if you are not elected as Mayor.

### ***“Can I put the Mayor or Councillor title in my social media name?”***

It is not recommended to use a title that you have not been awarded through the election in your social media name. This could be considered a false representation of yourself. Instead, you should identify yourself as a candidate.

### ***“I lost the forms in this package! Can I find them online?”***

Yes, all forms included in this package can be found in both English and French online through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Central Form Repository (CFR), or on the Town of Fort Frances website under “Elections”

### ***“What happens to the Nomination Fee I paid”***

Your nomination fee will be refunded if you file your campaign financial statement by the deadline.

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## Websites with more information and helpful resources

[fortfrances.ca/elections](http://fortfrances.ca/elections)

[ontario.ca/page/municipal-elections](http://ontario.ca/page/municipal-elections)

[amo.on.ca](http://amo.on.ca)

[forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca](http://forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca)