

A black silhouette of a water tower stands on the left side of the page. The background is a vibrant sunburst pattern with rays in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The rays on the right side transition into shades of green and light blue. The overall design is modern and energetic.

**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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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** the Official Campaign Period (before May 1, 2026).

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

What You **Cannot** Do **Before** the Official Campaign Period (May 1, 2026).

- 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** the Official Campaign Period (on May 1, 2026).

- 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”

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Websites with more information and helpful resources

fortfrances.ca/elections

ontario.ca/page/municipal-elections

amo.on.ca

forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca