



YOUR GUIDE TO THE 2017 WADENA BYELECTION

BYELECTION SCHEDULE

Call for Nominations: on or before Oct 9

Nomination Day: Oct 24 - by 4:00 pm

Deadline to withdraw nomination: Oct 25 - by 4:00 pm

- If there is *more than one nomination* standing after 4:00 pm on October 25, *we will have an election.*
- If there is *one nomination* for one position, that person shall be declared acclimated (elected by default) and there will be *no election.*
- If there are *no nominations*, a *second call* for nominations will be advertised.

If there is an election, it will take place as follows:

Advance Poll: Nov 14
(Waneeda Park Lodge)

Byelection Day: November 28
(Wadena Legion Community Hall , Side Room)

Find more information on elections at:
www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections

NOMINATIONS

Call for Nominations: on or before Oct 9

After the “Notice of Call for Nominations”, is published you can file a nomination using the prescribed form available at the Town Office. The Returning Officer (RO)/Administrator or Nomination Clerk will be able to provide you with the form and advice on filling out the information.

A Candidate’s nomination form must be signed by five electors (eligible voters in this election). You must complete all nomination forms in their entirety, including the Candidate’s Acceptance portion. Do not forget to have witnesses witness your signature.

How can we help?

The Returning Officer and/or Nomination Clerk can:

- Walk you through the forms and explain what needs to be done.
- Check the forms when they are returned for completeness. *(Complete is not the same as correct, we cannot check forms for correctness unless asked by the nominated candidate to do so.)*
- Provide you with a receipt to prove your completed form was received prior to the deadline on October 24 before 4:00 pm
- Provide you with information on the process of running in an election (legal requirements for posters and campaigning, etc.)
- Provide you with information on the responsibilities of a Councillor, the number of meetings you would have to attend as an elected official, remuneration (pay), and much more.)

We must stress the fact that **WE CANNOT CHECK YOUR FORMS FOR ACCURACY OR CORRECTNESS unless we are asked by the candidate being nominated to do so.**



Neither the RO (Administrator) nor the Nomination Clerk can sign a Nomination or Candidate’s Acceptance form as witness.

WHO CAN VOTE?

Eligible voters must be:

- at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day;

AND either:

a) a resident of the municipality for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election:

or

b) an owner of assessable land in the municipality for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election.

WHO CAN RUN FOR OFFICE?

Candidates must be:

- at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident in the municipality for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the date nomination paper is submitted; **AND** have resided in Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the date nomination paper is submitted.

If you are eligible to vote under condition b) under “Who can vote?” but NOT condition a), you are not eligible to run for office, but you can still vote in the election.

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It doesn't matter how you vote, the important thing is that you vote. It is important to become involved in your community's affairs and exercise your democratic right to choose the leaders of your community.



RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Serving in elected positions is not easy, but being a member of council offers a lot of personal satisfaction.

Council makes decisions and establishes bylaws and policies about what core services to provide, how those services will be delivered and at what levels. The administrator then implements those policies and runs the day-to-day operations of the municipality.

Being elected means a big time commitment on your part. It's important not to underestimate the amount of time and dedication required to be an effective member of council, especially if you have a full-time job as well.

If elected, you will serve a four-year term. During that time you should plan to attend the following:

- Preparation for and attendance at Regular Council Meetings (twice monthly , meetings approx. 2-4 hrs each), and Special Council Meetings, and Meetings of council committees;
- Meetings of other boards and agencies as a representative of council;
- Conferences, seminars, workshops, and conventions for training and discussion; and
- Events that promote or represent your municipality.

You may also need to spend a significant amount of time talking to the public, businesses, other municipalities, and your administrator. Interaction with these groups is an essential part of making an informed decision as a council member.

CAMPAIGNING

There are rules regarding proper campaign procedures such as advertising, canvassing in or near the polling place, bribery and threats. (*The Local Government Election Act, 2015, The Controverted Municipal Elections Act*).

Every printed advertisement referencing an election must contain the name and address of the person who has authorized its printing, display and distribution.



No candidate, agent or other person shall canvass or solicit votes in a polling place or within 100 metres of the building where the poll is held and when the polls are open.