



APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE¹

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Candidate

Name of Candidate (please print)

Candidate for the Office of (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor | <input type="checkbox"/> Public District School Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Mayor | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic District School Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Councillor | <input type="checkbox"/> French Public District School Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wellington County Councillor Ward 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> French Catholic District School Board |

Scrutineer Appointment

Name of Scrutineer Appointed (please print)

I appoint the individual noted above as a scrutineer to represent me in the Town of Minto 2022 Municipal Election.

Date

This ____ day of _____, 2022

Signature of Candidate

Instructions to Scrutineer

- Scrutineers arriving at a Ballot Counting Centre must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take the Oral Oath of Secrecy from the Clerk before being admitted. The Clerk shall require proof of identity and residence of the scrutineer, as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13.
- Candidates arriving at a Ballot Counting Centre must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take the Oral Oath of Secrecy from the Clerk before being admitted. A candidate who enters a voting place is considered to be a scrutineer.
- Only one scrutineer per candidate may be at a Ballot Counting Centre.
- Cell phones shall be turned OFF upon entering the Ballot Counting Centre and their use is prohibited while in the Ballot Counting Centre.
- The Clerk is responsible for the conduct of the Ballot Counting Centre and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Clerk in the discharge of their duties.
- Scrutineers are prohibited from sitting at the table which is provided exclusively for the Election Officials



- Scrutineers/candidates looking to observe the count **MUST** be at the Ballot Counting Centre prior to the start of counting. No one will be admitted to the Ballot Counting Centre after counting has commenced. Once a candidate or scrutineer enters the Ballot Counting Centre, they shall remain until the count is complete, the ballot box and all original statements of results have been delivered to and signed off by the Clerk and the Clerk authorizes them to leave the Ballot Counting Centre.
- The candidate or scrutineer shall not communicate the results to anyone until the Clerk has released the unofficial results to the general public.
- The total of votes cast for each candidate as counted by the Clerk and Election Officials are final. At this point, they are not required to do a recount.

Rights and Prohibitions

Scrutineers and candidates can:

- Be present when materials and documents related to the election are delivered to the Clerk
- To enter the Ballot Counting Centre 15 minutes before counting commences and to inspect the ballot boxes and the ballots and all other election documents but not so as to delay the timely opening of the Ballot Counting Centre
- To examine each ballot as votes are counted, but shall not interfere with the counting process and shall not touch the ballot
- Object to a ballot, or to the counting of some or all votes in a ballot, on the grounds that the ballot or votes do not comply with the prescribed rules. The Clerk alone shall decide all objections.
- To sign the statement of the results prepared by the Clerk
- To place a seal on the ballot box after the counting of the votes when the Clerk seals the box that the ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal
- In the event of a recount, Section 61 of the Act prescribes the number of scrutineers entitled to be present and their rights respecting the examination and dispute of ballots

Scrutineers and candidates cannot:

- Attempt, directly or indirectly, to influence or interfere with how an elector votes
- Attempt to campaign or persuade an elector to vote for a particular candidate
- Display a candidate's election campaign material or literature in a Ballot Counting Centre or on Municipal Property
- Compromise the secrecy of the voting
- Interfere or attempt to interfere with an elector who is marking a ballot
- Obtain or attempt to obtain any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted
- Communicate any information obtained about how an elector intends to vote or has voted

Note:

- It is no longer mandatory that scrutineers be 16 years of age or older to work at an election.
- The seal(s) **must not** contain any writing that could be considered "election campaigning", therefore, the name of the candidate **is not** permitted on the seal;
- No campaign material or literature of any nature whatsoever shall be displayed within the Ballot Counting Centre. The boundaries of the Ballot Counting Centre are the boundaries of the property where the Ballot Counting Centre is located and **includes** the parking lot.



- Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the transmission of results **must** be at the Ballot Counting Centre prior to the commencement of counting. No one will be admitted to the Ballot Counting Centre counting has begun.
- The total of votes cast for each candidate as counted by the vote tabulating equipment is final. The Clerk is not required to do a second recount.