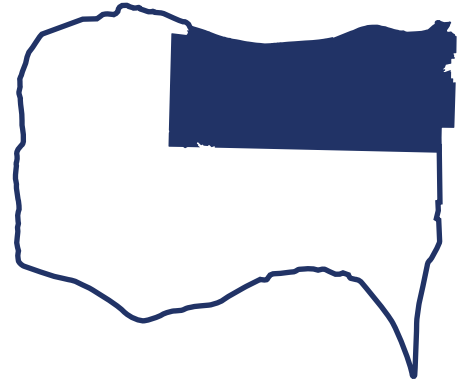


THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAKESHORE

# Candidate Information Guide



**Nominations may be filed in the Clerk's office of the Municipality of Lakeshore from May 1, 2026, until August 21, 2026, at 2:00 PM.**

The nomination must be in the prescribed form(s) and accompanied by the prescribed fee. Faxed or emailed nomination papers will not be accepted. Forms are available at the Clerk's office or on Lakeshore's website at [Lakeshore.ca/Votes](https://Lakeshore.ca/Votes)

## Nomination Process

- Schedule an appointment with the Clerk's Office at Lakeshore Town Hall (419 Notre Dame St., Belle River) to file your nomination papers;
- Obtain nomination papers (Form 1) and Nomination Endorsement signatures (Form 2) from the Clerk's office or online at [Lakeshore.ca/Votes](https://Lakeshore.ca/Votes)
- The candidate or their agent must file the nomination papers in person;
- The nomination paper must have original signatures. The nomination paper may not be faxed, mailed or emailed. Either the candidate or the agent must bring the completed and signed nomination papers to the office of the Clerk. The candidate will be required to show proof of identity and qualifying address;
- The Nomination must be filed with completed endorsement signature forms (Form 2) containing endorsement signatures from 25 people who are eligible to vote in the Municipality of Lakeshore (School board trustees are not required to obtain 25 signatures).
- The prescribed nomination filing fee must be paid at the time of filing the nomination. Payment to the municipality must be made by cash, debit, cheque or money order.

### Nomination filing fee is:

- \$200 for office of Mayor;
- \$100 for office of all other offices, Deputy Mayor, Councillor & School Board Trustee.

Note: A candidate is entitled to a refund of the filing fee if they file their campaign financial statement by the prescribed deadline.



## Qualification for Council Members

You are qualified to be elected or hold office as member of council of a local municipality if you:

- reside in the Municipality of Lakeshore or are the owner or tenant of land in the Municipality of Lakeshore or are the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- are a Canadian citizen;
- are at least 18 years old; and
- are not otherwise prohibited from voting or disqualified from holding municipal office under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or any other Act.

Note: It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to determine whether they are qualified to be elected to and hold office.

## Persons Not Eligible to Run for Municipal Office

The following persons are disqualified from being elected to municipal office:

- any person not eligible to vote in the municipality;
- an employee of a municipality, unless they: take an unpaid leave of absence before being nominated, and resign if elected to the office;
- a judge of any court;
- a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, a Senator or a member of the House of Commons; or
- an inmate of a penal or correctional institution under sentence of imprisonment.
- a candidate from a previous election that failed to submit their financial statement.

## Key Dates:

**Nomination Period Begins:** May 1, 2026, at 9:00 AM

**Nomination Day (last day to be nominated):** August 21, 2026, at 2:00 PM

**Final Day a Candidate May Withdraw:** August 21, 2026, at 2:00 PM

**Advance Voting Days:** October 1 and 10, 2026

**Voting Day:** October 26, 2026

**Council Term Commences:** November 15, 2026

**Financial Filing Deadline:** March 30, 2027

Copies of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 are available from e-laws on the Government of Ontario website at [gov.on.ca](http://gov.on.ca), or you can view a copy at the Clerk's office.

For further information and forms, please visit the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Ministry of Housing at [ontario.ca/page/ministry-municipal-affairs-housing](http://ontario.ca/page/ministry-municipal-affairs-housing)