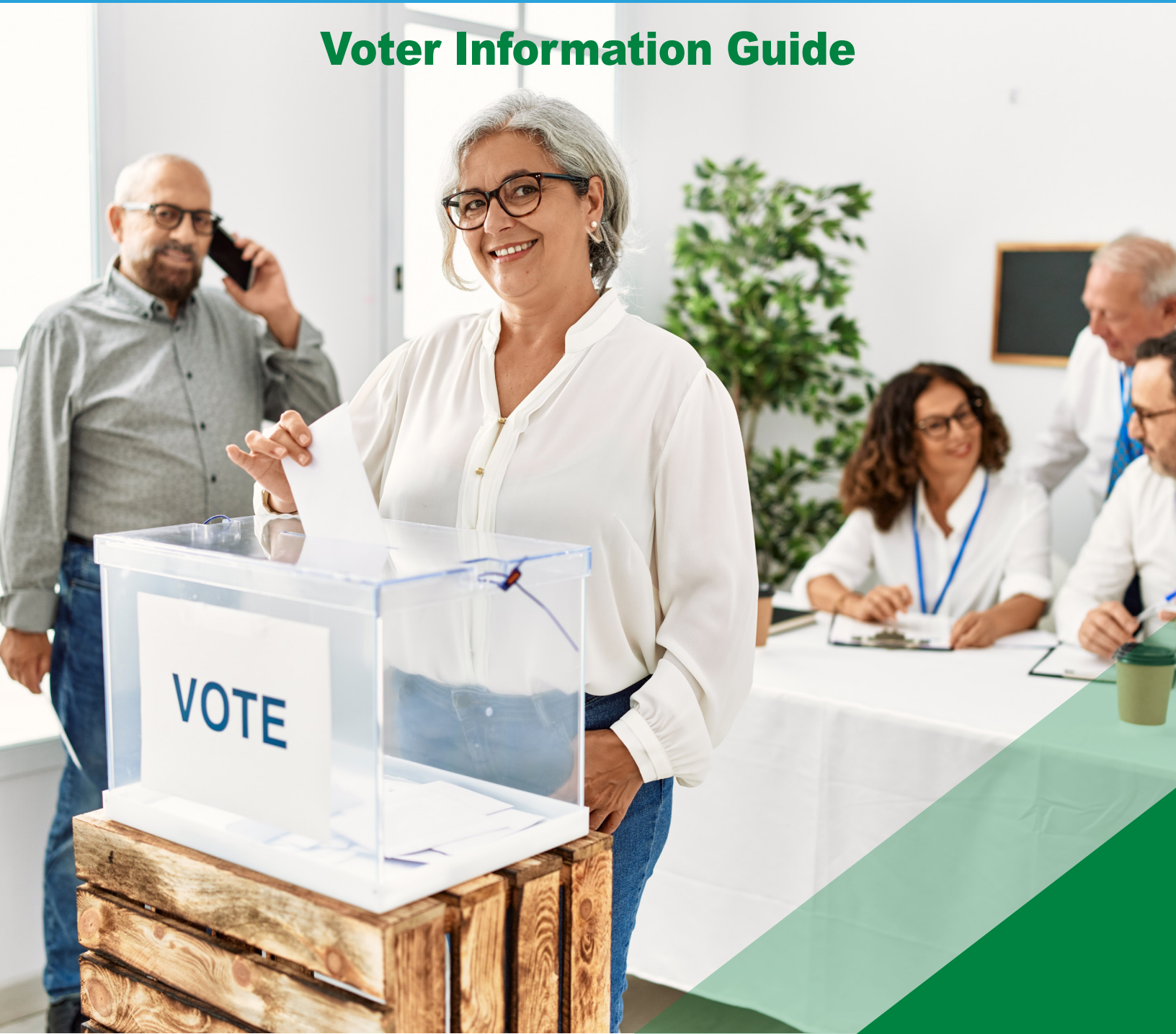


# VOTE <sup>2022</sup> ✓

## NORTH GRENVILLE

# Elections 101

## Voter Information Guide



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Why vote?

As a Canadian citizen, voting is your right and responsibility. Your community is shaped by the outcome of an election. The individuals who are elected will make many important decisions including how tax dollars are spent in your community. Your vote affects the services provided by the Municipality. Services like:

- Animal Services
- Applications, Licenses, and Permits
- By-Laws and By-Law Services
- Emergency Services
- Garbage, Recycling, Organics
- Public Library
- Commissioner of Oaths
- Marriage Services
- Parking/Roads
- Parks and Parkland
- Water and Wastewater
- Transportation

## When does the election take place?

Voting Day is October 24, however eligible electors in North Grenville will be able to vote online from anywhere in the world, or vote by telephone anywhere in North America, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EST on October 17 and continuing through to 8:00 p.m. EST on October 24. Electors also have the option of voting using a paper ballot at the advanced polls on October 20-21 and on Election Day, October 24 between 10:00 am. and 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Centre.

## Am I on the Voters' List?

The Voters' List is compiled by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) from a variety of sources. The Voters' List is available for viewing by appointment with the Clerk. We encourage all electors to ensure that the Municipality has their correct information. Contact the Clerk if you need to make a change to your details.

For more information visit:

[NGvotes.ca/information-for-voters](http://NGvotes.ca/information-for-voters).

## How do I complete my ballot?

North Grenville elects one (1) Mayor and four (4) Councillors at-large. The Municipality is not divided into wards; therefore, your choices represent the entire Municipality. To see the list of candidates, visit: [www.ngvotes.ca](http://www.ngvotes.ca).

### Mayor:

Choose up to one (1) selection on the ballot.

### Councillor:

Choose up to four (4) selections on the ballot.

### School Board Trustee:

Choose up to one (1) selection on the ballot.

Under voting will not spoil your ballot.

## How can you vote?

### In Person

When you arrive to vote in person, you must show identification to prove that you are the person whose name appears on the Voters' List.

- The identification must show your name and address.
- Photo identification is not required.
- Your Voter Notification Card cannot be used as a piece of ID.

Examples of identification include:

- Ontario driver's licence
- Ontario health card (if your name and address are printed on the card)
- mortgage, lease or rental agreement
- insurance policy

- credit card statement
- bill for hydro, water, gas, telephone, or internet.

### **Advanced Poll - October 20 and 21**

North Grenville Municipal Centre  
285 County Road 44, Kemptville  
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **Election Day - October 24, 2022**

North Grenville Municipal Centre  
285 County Road 44, Kemptville  
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **Internet and Telephone Voting**

Eligible electors will be mailed a Voter Information Letter by mid-October that will provide voters with a PIN (Personal Identification Number) as well as a website address and a telephone number that will be available for casting ballots between 10:00 a.m. on October 17 and 8:00 p.m. on October 24. Electors will be required to visit the website or phone the telephone number and enter the provided PIN as well as their date of birth. The system will match the PIN to the date of birth confirming elector identity and the appropriate ballot will then be provided.

### **October 17 to October 24**

Please see your Voter Instruction Letter for detailed instructions.

## **Who can vote?**

### **Who is eligible to vote in a municipal election?**

Anyone can vote in a municipal election who, on the day of the election, is:

- 18 years of age or older
- a Canadian citizen; and either a resident of the Municipality of North Grenville or a property owner or tenant or the spouse or same sex partner of an owner or tenant in the Municipality of North Grenville during a specified time just before the election.
- Your name must be on the Voters' List in order for you to cast a ballot.

### **Who is not eligible to vote in a municipal elections?**

- A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
- A corporation.
- A person acting as executor or trustee or in any other representative capacity, except as a voting proxy in accordance with section 44 of the *Municipal Elections Act*.
- A person who was convicted of the corrupt practice described in subsection 90(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, if voting day in the current election is less than five years after voting day in the election in respect of which he or she was convicted.

### **Who is eligible to vote in a school board election?**

An individual is eligible to vote in a school board election if they are:

- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years old on Voting Day;
- a resident of the Municipality of North Grenville or the owner or tenant of residential land in the Municipality of North Grenville or are the spouse of such owner or tenant

If you are eligible to vote in a municipality because you are the owner or tenant (or spouse of an owner or tenant) of commercial property, you are not eligible to vote for a school trustee.

To determine which school board an individual is eligible to vote for, the following criteria is used:

- English language public school board - this is the default - unless you are qualified to vote for a separate or French board, you will vote for the English public school board in your area.

- English language separate school board - you must be Roman Catholic and you must be a separate school board supporter or the spouse of a separate school board supporter. If your spouse is a Roman Catholic and you are not, you are not eligible.
- French language public school board - you must be a French language rights holder and you must be a supporter (or the spouse of a supporter) of the French language public school board.
- French language separate school board - You must be a Roman Catholic and a French language rights holder and you must be a supporter (or the spouse of a supporter) of the French separate school board. If your spouse is a Roman Catholic and you are not, you are not eligible.

“Supporter” refers to which school board the school portion of your property taxes goes to. The default is the public school system. In order to be a separate school supporter you must direct your taxes to the separate school system. For more information, contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at 1-866-296-6722 or visit [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca).

### Important information for Non-Resident Voters:

According to the 2022 Voters’ Guide, you are eligible to vote in the election for municipal council if you meet all of the following requirements: you are a Canadian citizen, you are aged 18 or older, you qualify to vote in the municipality. You do not qualify as an elector if you do not personally own or rent the property in the municipality. For example, if the property is owned by your business or your cottage is owned by a trust, you would not qualify.

## When are the all candidate meetings taking place?

All candidates meetings are an opportunity for political candidates and residents to connect before an election. Residents have a chance to evaluate the candidates, political platforms, and ask questions about current issues. The Municipality does not organize any candidate events, however, various organizations within the community often host all candidate meetings or debates.



### Contact Information

For more information, please contact the Clerk’s Office:

Returning Officer  
**Jessica Workman**  
 Phone: 613-258-9569 ext 171

Elections Assistant  
**Krista Jensen**  
 Phone: 613-258-9569 ext 240

Election Office Hours: Monday - Friday,  
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Voter Help Line:** 1-833-VOTENG1

**Email:** [NGvotes@northgrenville.on.ca](mailto:NGvotes@northgrenville.on.ca)

**Website:** [www.NGvotes.ca](http://www.NGvotes.ca)