

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2026

The next General Municipal Election is slated for:

Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

The Head of Council (Mayor) and Ten (10) Ward Councillors will be elected to represent the City of Brandon.



RESOURCES:



Brandon Votes Website: www.brandon.ca/votes

Province of Manitoba Website:
www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfas/election.html

Association of Manitoba Municipalities Election Resources:
[www. amm.mb.ca/issues/elections/](http://www.amm.mb.ca/issues/elections/)

Manitoba School Boards Association Website:
www.mbschoolboards.ca/about/school-board-elections/

POTENTIAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION

WHEN: Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WHERE: Main Foyer, Civic Administration Building, 410 - 9th Street

WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA:

What Does City Council Do?

How Do I Run for Municipal Office?

A Day in the Life of a Councillor



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone who is interested in municipal leadership, cares about the future of their community, and wants to make a difference. No registration is required.

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

- ▶ Canadian Citizen
- ▶ At least 18 years of age or older on Election Day
- ▶ a voter in the municipality (you are a resident or own property for six months prior to the date of the election (April 28, 2026) and are on the voters list)
- ▶ not subject to disqualification under any Act

An employee of the municipality (except the CAO) if they have taken a leave of absence.

*Do not need to live in the ward you are running in

WHO CANNOT RUN

- ▶ a judge of the Court of King's Bench or the Court of Appeal;
- ▶ a provincial judge or justice of the peace;
- ▶ a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba or the Senate or House of Commons of Canada.
- ▶ A person that is disqualified from running for council in 2026 due to failing to file their 2022 Election Finance Statement.
- ▶ A councillor or candidate running for office in another municipality
- ▶ A candidate running for school trustee

REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES

- ▶ All prospective candidates for municipal elections must register with the SEO during the registration period, before they begin their campaign and begin to accept contributions or spend any money on their campaign.
- ▶ Registration Form includes
 - Name and address and the office (head of council or councillor) they are seeking
 - the name and address of the financial institution and the number of the bank account they will be using for purposes of their election campaign
 - Declaration of potential candidate

REGISTRATION PERIOD:

Mayor: May 1 to September 22, 2026

Councillor: June 30 to September 22, 2026

CAMPAIGN FINANCING RULES

- ▶ Only residents of Manitoba are allowed to contribute to municipal campaigns.
- ▶ Union, corporate and anonymous donations are banned.
- ▶ \$1,500 (per contributor) limit to a candidate for head of council and a \$750 (per contributor) limit to a candidate for a councillor elected by ward.
- ▶ Contribution limits also apply to the amount that a candidate and their spouse may contribute to their own campaign.
- ▶ Anonymous contributions must be turned over to the SEO
- ▶ Limit on Campaign Expenses that can be incurred:
 - Mayor - \$21,800
 - Councillor - \$5,500

ELECTION FINANCE STATEMENT

- ▶ All registered candidates must file an Election Finance Statement.
- ▶ Includes both elected candidates and unelected candidates
 - Those who were registered but never nominated
 - Those who withdrew
 - Those who were not elected
- ▶ Statement must include all contributions and expenses incurred
- ▶ Name and address of any contributions over \$250
- ▶ Itemized list of campaign expenses

Filing Due Date - *May 27, 2027*

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- ▶ The Nomination period: September 16 -22, 2026
- ▶ Papers must be filed IN PERSON by either the candidate or official agent.
- ▶ The nomination includes:
 - nomination papers signed by a minimum of 25 electors on the Voting List,
 - a declaration of qualification,
 - and a Statement of Disclosure of offenses under the Criminal Code, the Controlled Drugs & Substances Act, and/or the Income Tax Act (*NEW)
- ▶ Withdrawal Deadline - September 23, 2026 at 4:30 pm

DELIVERY OF THE ELECTION

- ▶ Election Process Initiated - If there are more candidates nominated than the required council positions, an election will be held
- ▶ A Notice of Election will be published and will include a list of candidates and voting locations
- ▶ Ballots – composite ballot which will include municipal council and school trustees. Order of names on ballot will be determined by random draw
- ▶ Use of Electronic Vote Counting Machines



Sample Ballot

CITY OF BRANDON

Municipal and School Board Election – October 27, 2010

EOS Initials

TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE BOX NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE(S) LIKE:

or

Use only the pen provided.

For the Office of MAYOR	For the Office of COUNCILLOR	For the Office of SCHOOL TRUSTEE
Vote for One (1) Person Only	Vote for One (1) Person Only	Vote for Not more than Four (4) Persons
CANDIDATE ONE <input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE JOE <input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE ALPHA <input type="checkbox"/>
CANDIDATE TWO <input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE BOB <input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE BETA <input type="checkbox"/>
CANDIDATE THREE <input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE ANN <input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATE CHARLIE <input type="checkbox"/>
CANDIDATE FOUR <input type="checkbox"/>		CANDIDATE DELTA <input type="checkbox"/>
		CANDIDATE ECHO <input type="checkbox"/>
		CANDIDATE FOXTROT <input type="checkbox"/>

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

ADVANCE VOTING

- Wednesday, October 14th, 2026
- Saturday, October 17th, 2026
- Thursday, October 22nd, 2026

SPECIAL ADVANCE MOBILE POLL – Senior Housing
Thursday, October 22nd, 2026

REGULAR VOTING PLACES – located throughout the division

HOSPITAL MOVING POLL - Brandon RHC and Assiniboine Centre

SPECIAL MOVING POLLS - Health Care Facilities (PCHs)

SEALED ENVELOPE VOTING – for voters who believe they will be unable to vote on Election Day or during advance voting

KEY DATES

Candidate Registration

- ▶ Head of Council: May 1 – September 22
- ▶ Councillors: June 30 – September 22

Nominations

- ▶ September 16 – September 22

Withdrawal Deadline

- ▶ September 23

Election Day

- ▶ October 28, 2026

Filing of Election Finance Statements

- ▶ May 27, 2027

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