

Election Candidate Criteria

Who can run as an Election Candidate?

A person can be nominated as a candidate for Mayor or Councillor if they:

1. Will be at least 18 years or older on election day;
2. Are a Canadian Citizen;
3. Have been a resident of the Town of Outlook for at least three (3) consecutive months before submitting their nomination papers; and
4. Have been a resident of Saskatchewan for at least six (6) consecutive months before submitting their nomination paper.

A person cannot be nominated if they are a judge of a court or an auditor or solicitor of the municipality. If a Town employee wishes to be nominated, they must take a leave of absence during the nomination period. Having a contract with the Town does not disqualify a person from being nominated.

Process for Nominating a Candidate:

Nomination papers will be available from the Town office in person, by mail, or online. To be nominated, a person must file their completed nomination paper with the Returning Officer. Dates for nominations will be available and announced to the public.

Contents of the Nomination Paper

- The Name and address of the person being nominated and the office they are being nominated for (either Mayor or Councillor, not both);
- The signature of at least five (5) qualified voters of the Town with their name and address;
- The candidate's acceptance statement, which lists any potential conflicts of interest the candidate holds, must be filed along with the nomination paper.
- Current Criminal Record Check

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure the contents of their nomination paper are valid.

- [Criminal Record Check with Nomination Bylaw, Bylaw No. 25 \(2019\)](#)

Additional Provisions

- A voter may sign the nomination papers of more than one person
- No candidate may nominate themselves
- No person can be nominated for both Mayor and Councillor
- A receipt for the nomination will be issued when the form is filed at the Town Office

Withdrawal of Nomination

Nominations may be withdrawn by filing a written request with the Returning Officer signed by the nominated person. The nominee's signature must be witnessed by either the Returning Officer or two other persons.

Nominations can be withdrawn any time up until twenty-four (24) hours after the close of nominations.

Public Disclosure Statements

The legislation governing municipal elections, *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*, was amended prior to this election and includes the following changes:

- All election candidates must submit a public disclosure statement in accordance with the conflict of interest legislation. These statements are required to be kept on file for public access throughout elected officials' terms, and must be updated on an annual basis.