



**2026 Municipal Election
Candidate Information Guide**

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Section A: Introduction

Thank you for your interest in serving your community as a Council Candidate for the upcoming municipal election in the Township of South Glengarry!

Serving as an elected official is an important responsibility that requires commitment of time and energy over a 4-year term. While the experience is both rewarding and challenging, it is also a meaningful way to contribute to your community.

If you are running for Council for the first time, you may find the election process both exciting and complex. This information package has been prepared to help guide you through the process and provide an overview of the requirements for candidates.

The ***Municipal Elections Act*** outlines the rules and requirements for municipal elections in Ontario. Key information from the Act has been summarized in this package for your convenience. However, candidates are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Act. The most current version is available on the Province of Ontario's E-Laws website.

Please note that the information in this package is intended as a guide only. It does not replace the legislation and may not cover every requirement. Candidates are responsible for ensuring they meet all eligibility requirements, comply with election rules, and follow campaign finance regulations.

As the election period progresses, additional information about the election process will be shared as it becomes available. We encourage you to review materials carefully so that you understand your responsibilities as a candidate.

We wish you the best in your campaign and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions. Most importantly, take a deep breath, enjoy the experience, and thank you for your willingness to serve your community!

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Section B: Frequently Asked Questions

Important Dates

Date	Details
May 1, 2026	Nomination Period Opens You can register as a candidate for the election as of this date.
August 21, 2026	Nomination Day Last day to register as a candidate (nominations accepted until 2:00 PM)
August 24, 2026	Nominations to be certified by the Clerk. List of Certified Candidates will be posted publicly by 4:00 PM.
October 19, 2026	Advanced Voting Begins
October 26, 2026	Election Day (voting closes at 8:00 PM)
March 30, 2027	Last day to file Financial Statements with the Clerk.

What is the term of office?

The Term of office for the Council elected in October 2026 will begin on November 16, 2026 and ends November 15, 2030.

Who can be a Candidate?

Any person who is qualified to be a voter in South Glengarry is also eligible to be a candidate and run for a Council position.

To be eligible to run for a Council position, you must:

- Be a resident of South Glengarry, be an owner or tenant of land in South Glengarry OR be the spouse of such an owner or tenant;
- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Be at least 18 years old; and
- Not be prohibited from voting under subsection (3) of the Municipal Elections Act or otherwise by law.

Please note that if you were a candidate in the 2022 Municipal Election and failed to file your Financial Statement, you are ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office until the 2030 Municipal Election.

What offices are to be elected?

The offices to be elected are:

- Mayor (1)
- Deputy Mayor (1)
- Councillors (3)

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will also serve as members of the Council for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

When can I file my nomination paperwork?

The nomination period begins on Friday, May 1, 2026 and closes at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 21, 2026. Interested Candidates may file their nomination during regular business hours (8:30 AM to 4:00 PM), Monday to Friday at the Township Office located at 6 Oak Street, Lancaster.

An appointment is not required but recommended and can be arranged by e-mailing the Clerk at clerk@southglengarry.com.

Can I file my nomination paperwork online?

No – Candidates must file their nomination papers in-person.

What do I need to bring when I file my paperwork?

When you attend the Township office to file your nomination, you will be required to provide:

- One (1) piece of government issued photo identification (ie. Drivers Licence, Passport).
- The completed Nomination Form (Form 1)
- The completed Endorsement Form (Form 2), which includes 25 signatures from people who are eligible to vote in South Glengarry who endorse your nomination.
- Application filing deposit:
 - \$200 for the office of the Mayor
 - \$100 for all other offices

What responsibilities will I have if I am elected?

Under Section 224 of the Municipal Act, it is the role of Council:

- (a) To represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality;
- (b) To develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality;
- (c) To determine which services the municipality provides;
- (d) To ensure that administrative policies, practices and procedures, and controllership policies, practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of Council;
 - (d.1) to ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality, including the activities of the senior management of the municipality;
- (e) To maintain the financial integrity of the municipality; and

(f) To carry out the duties of Council under this or any other Act.

Under Section 225 of the Municipal Act, it is the role of the head of Council (the Mayor):

- (a) To act as Chief Executive Officer of the municipality;
- (b) To preside over Council meetings so that its business can be carried out efficiently and effectively;
- (c) To provide leadership to the Council;
 - (c.1) without limiting clause (c), to provide information and recommendations to the Council with respect to the role of Council as described in clauses 224(d) and (d.1);
- (d) To represent the municipality at official functions; and
- (e) To carry out the duties of the head of Council under this or any other Act.

What is the time commitment if I am elected?

A member of Council can expect to devote between 10 to 20 hours a month on Council activities.

Events and activities that you can expect to attend and devote time to include:

- Attending Regular Council Meetings (the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month)
- Attending Special Council Meetings and Committee Meetings
 - Budget Meeting
 - Committee of the Whole Meetings
 - Committee Meetings
 - Members of Council are appointed to various Boards and Committees for the term of Council. Visit our website to view a [list of Committees](#).
- Attending Community Events
- Attending Conferences
- Telephone calls, e-mails and meetings with constituents and staff
- Reading meeting agendas, policies, and completing additional research if desired.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor also sit as members of Council for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. This requires the additional commitment to attend Counties Council meetings on every 3rd Monday of the month at 9 a.m. in Cornwall.

The 2026 South Glengarry Council schedule is included at the end of this package for reference (Appendix A).

How do I find out what is currently happening at Council meetings?

Council meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend to observe them in person, or you can watch a recording of the meetings on our YouTube channel. Meeting recordings are typically posted the day following a meeting.

Council agenda packages are also posted to our website.

How much do members of Council get paid?

The 2026 salaries for members of Council are:

- Mayor - \$37,113.44
- Deputy Mayor - \$30,160.26
- Councillor - \$24,952.20

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor also receive compensation from the United Counties of SDG for serving as a member of Counties Council.

In addition to annual remuneration, members of Council also receive a per diem payment for attending certain conferences and meetings outside of regular Council meetings.

Can I withdraw my nomination if I decide I don't want to run anymore?

Yes. The last day you can withdraw your nomination is Friday, August 21, 2026 by 2:00 PM.

Section C: General Election Information

2026 Voting Methods

The Township of South Glengarry will be utilizing Internet and Telephone voting for the 2026 municipal election.

Eligible electors will receive a Voter Information Letter which will include the information required to vote online or by telephone.

Advanced Voting

The voting period will begin in advance of Election Day (October 26th). Advanced Voting will open on Monday, October 19th at 9:00 am. Voters can cast their ballots online or by telephone at any time, from any location, during the voting period.

Voter Help Centre

During advanced voting days (October 19th – 25th) voters can attend the Township office located at 6 Oak Street, Lancaster, if they require assistance with voting or to register to vote/obtain a Voter Information Letter.

On election day, a Voter Help Centre will be set up at a location to be determined from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Election Signs

If you decide to run for Council, you are not permitted to erect campaign signs prior to the Clerk receiving your nomination package.

The Township of South Glengarry does not have a Campaign Sign Policy; however, our Use of Corporate Resources During and Election policy prohibits the erecting campaign signs or distributing campaign materials on Township-owned property.

Additionally, candidates will be required to adhere to the United Counties of SDG election sign guidelines on County Roads. These guidelines will be provided to you once you submit your nomination package to the Clerk.

Election Results

Following the closing of voting at 8:00 PM on October 26th, the Clerk will announce the Unofficial Election Results at Tartan Hall (Char-Lan Recreation Centre, upstairs hall). Candidates and their family/friends are welcome to attend Tartan Hall to receive the unofficial results.

On Tuesday, October 27th, the Clerk will confirm and declare the official election result.

Appendix A – Council Meeting Schedule

2026

January							February							March						
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July							August							September						
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October							November							December						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

Regular Council Meetings – Every 2nd and 4th Monday starting at 6:30pm
 Inaugural Council Meeting – November 16th, 2026