



Township of Douro-Dummer

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Dear Candidate,

Welcome to the 2022 Douro-Dummer Municipal Election

Douro-Dummer Election Officials look forward to assisting you with the election process. It is recommended that you make an appointment with the Acting Clerk/Election Returning Officer to file your nomination papers as this process may take a half hour or more.

Candidates are welcome to drop by the office at any time, however Election Staff would appreciate an advance phone call or email message to let us know what you require so we can have the information available when you come in. We are also happy to respond to any questions you may have by email so you have the information in writing.

General Information / Tips:

- Familiarize yourself with the [Election Information](#) on the Township website
- Campaign Signs placed on Township and County Roads and on Provincial Highways must comply with applicable regulations. Information about the regulations for each type of highway has been included in the Douro-Dummer Candidate's Guide. All of your campaign signs and other advertising must identify that you are responsible for the sign. This is so that people seeing the sign or advertisement can tell that it is from your campaign, rather than from a third party advertiser.
- You are encouraged to read through the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 as amended, and the Candidate, Voter and Third Party Advertising Guides provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and use these Guides as a reference document.
- Nominations must be endorsed by at least 25 persons, and they may endorse more than one nomination. Persons endorsing a nomination must be eligible to vote in an election for an office in the Township of Douro-Dummer, if a regular election was held on the day that the person endorses the nomination. It is recommended that you obtain a few additional signatures in case the eligibility of an elector is challenged. There are enough pages included in the printed

nomination package to obtain 30 signatures.

- Prior to 2018, third party advertising was not regulated for municipal and school board elections. Recent changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 created a framework of rules for third party advertising. Third party advertising refers to advertisements or other materials that support, promote or oppose a candidate. Third party in this context is a person or entity who is not a candidate. Please refer to the Third Party Guide on the Ministry Website for further detail.

Please do not sign your Declaration in advance as these forms must be signed in the presence of a Commissioner (Municipal Clerk).

Election Officials are available to provide factual information and guidance, but are not in a position to provide legal advice or interpret legislation on your behalf.

Sincerely,

Martina Chait-Hartwig
Acting Clerk/Election Returning Officer

Enclosures