

Document 2 - Detailed Election Calendar

May 1, 2026 – Nomination and registration period begins

- First day for candidates to file a nomination paper for the office of Mayor, Councillor, or School Board Trustee. A candidate's campaign period begins once their nomination forms have been filed, meaning they may begin accepting contributions and spending money on their campaign.
- First day for an individual, corporation, or trade union to file a notice of registration as a third party advertiser. The campaign period for a third party advertiser begins once their registration forms have been filed, meaning they may begin accepting contributions and spending money on their campaign.

August 21, 2026 – Nomination Day

- Candidates have **until 2 pm** to file their nomination papers.
- A candidate who has filed their nomination papers and wishes to change office has **until 2 pm** to file a nomination for a different office.
- A candidate who wishes to withdraw their nomination has **until 2 pm** to notify the City Clerk by filing a written withdrawal.
- Nominations or withdrawals cannot be accepted **after 2 pm**.
- Candidates for Mayor or City Councillor have until **2 pm** to register to participate in the Contribution Rebate Program.

August 24, 2026 – Certification of candidate nominations

- Last day for the City Clerk to certify candidate nomination forms.

September 1, 2026 – Voters' List available to candidates upon written request

- Copies of the Voters' List are available to certified candidates upon written request to the Elections Office.

September 1, 2026 – Online Revision Period

- The **Am I on the Voters' List?** search tool is available, allowing electors to check if they are registered to vote and see how their information is currently presented on the Voters' List. Electors may use this tool from September 1 to September 20 to verify, add, or amend their information on the Voters' List.

- Electors may also submit a paper application requesting that their information be updated or that their name be added or removed from the Voters' List. Electors may still submit applications to update or add their information to the Voters' List at their voting place.

September 11, 2026 – First day that election signs can be placed on private and public property

- Election signs may be placed on private and public property in accordance with the City of Ottawa's [Temporary Signs on Private Property By-law](#) and [Signs on City Roads By-law](#).

September 20, 2026 – End of online Revision Period

- The online Revision Period ends at 4:30 pm.

October 1, 2026 - Interim list of changes from the Revision Period to be provided to candidates, Final Expense Limits Certificate to be provided to candidates and third party advertisers

- Certified candidates that received a copy of the original Voters' List will be provided with the interim list of changes to the Voters' List by this date.
- Final expense limits certificate to be provided to candidates and third party advertisers by this date.

October 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2026 - Special Advance Voting Days

- Voting places are open from 10 am to 8 pm.

October 16, 2026 – Advance Voting Day

- Voting places are open from 10 am to 8 pm.

October 23, 2026 – End of registration period for third party advertisers

- Last day for an individual, corporation, or trade union to file a notice of registration as a third party advertiser.

- Individuals, corporations, and trade unions have until **4:30 pm** to file their notice of registration in person at the Elections Office.

October 26, 2026 – Voting Day

- Voting places will be open from 10 am to 8 pm with the exception of identified long term care facilities and retirement homes which may have reduced voting hours.
- Unofficial election results expected by 11 pm.

October 29, 2026 – Election signs must be removed from private and public property

- Election signs must be removed from private and public property by 11:59 pm in accordance with the City's Signs by-laws

December 31, 2026 – End of campaign period

- Campaign period ends for candidates and third party advertiser, meaning they cannot accept any contributions or incur any expenses.
- Candidates or third party advertisers who have a deficit may file a Notice of Extension of Campaign Period, Form 6, by 4:30 pm on this date.

March 25, 2027 – Last day for candidates and third party advertisers to apply for a financial statement filing extension – Initial financial statement

- Last day for a candidate or third party advertisers to apply to Superior Court of Justice to extend the time to file their initial financial statement.

March 30, 2027 – Initial financial statement filing deadline, deadline to advise of a filing extension granted by the Superior Court of Justice

By 2 pm:

- Last day for candidates and third party advertisers to file a financial statement and auditors' report, if required, for the reporting period ending December 31, 2026.
- Last day for a candidate or third party advertiser to notify the City Clerk in writing of a filing extension received from the Superior Court of Justice.

April 29, 2027 – End of 30-day grace period to file an initial financial statement

- Last day (**by 2 pm**) for a candidate or third party advertiser to file a primary financial statement and auditor's report, if required, and pay \$500 late filing fee.
- Penalties take effect at 2:01 pm.

June 28, 2027 – End of compliance audit application period for initial financial statements

- Last day for an elector to apply for a compliance audit of a candidate or third party advertiser's initial financial statement.

June 30, 2027 - End of extended campaign period

- Campaign period ends for candidates and third party advertisers that extended their campaign, meaning they cannot accept any contributions or incur any expenses.

September 23, 2027 - Last day for candidates and third party advertisers to apply for a financial statement filing extension – Supplementary financial statement

- Last day for a candidate or third party advertiser to apply to Superior Court of Justice to extend the time to file their supplementary financial statement.

September 24, 2027 - Supplementary financial statement filing deadline, deadline to advise of a filing extension granted by the Superior Court of Justice

By 2 pm:

- Last day for those who filed a Form 6 to extend the campaign period to file a supplementary financial statement.
- Last day for a candidate or third party advertisers to notify the City Clerk of a filing extension received from the Superior Court of Justice.

October 25, 2027 - End of 30-day grace period to file a supplementary financial statement

- Last day (**by 2 pm**) for a candidate or third party advertiser to file a supplementary financial statement and auditor's report, if required, and pay \$500 late filing fee.
- Penalties take effect at 2:01 pm.

November 23, 2027 – Deadline to submit a contribution rebate application

- Last day for an individual who made a contribution to a candidate’s campaign to submit a contribution rebate application.
 - Contributors must submit the original copy of the *Application for the Payment of a Contribution Rebate* form (printed on the back of the prescribed receipt issued by the candidate) to the Elections Office by 4:30 pm.

December 23, 2027 – End of compliance audit application period for supplementary financial statements

- Last day for an elector to apply for a compliance audit on a candidate or third party advertiser’s supplementary financial statement.