



# Municipal and School Board Election

Council Presentation

September 14, 2026

- [www.owensoundvotes.ca](http://www.owensoundvotes.ca)
- [elections@owensound.ca](mailto:elections@owensound.ca)
- 519-370-7350

- Starts October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Ends October 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.
- 24 hours a day

- Internet or Telephone
  - Individuals can cast their vote from the comfort of their home or anywhere they can access the internet or a touch-tone telephone
  - Computers, tablets, smartphones
  - NO rotary phones

- Every person needs to be on the Voters' List to vote
  - To confirm, register, or amend the Voters' List, visit:
    - City Hall, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (now until end of Voting Period)
- Bring ID if possible – does NOT require a photo or signature

- Election Officials available to assist voters during voting period

| Location            | Date(s)                                 | Time                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| City Hall           | Friday, Oct. 16                         | 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
|                     | Monday, Oct. 19 to<br>Friday, Oct. 23   | 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
|                     | Monday, Oct. 26                         | 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| Heritage Place Mall | Saturday, Oct. 17 to<br>Sunday, Oct. 18 | 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
|                     | Saturday, Oct. 22 to<br>Sunday, Oct. 23 | 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
|                     | Monday, Oct. 26                         | 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |

- Voters need to have a Voter Information Letter (VIL)
- The VILs are mailed at the end of September
- The VIL includes:
  - Instructions
  - Web address and telephone number for voting platform
  - PIN
  - List of Candidates

# Voter Information Letter



City of Owen Sound  
808 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East  
Owen Sound ON N4K 2H4

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Doe, John  
00001 5160 Decarie boulevard  
Suite 502  
Montreal, Quebec, H3X 2H9  
Canada

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## 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections Voter Information Letter

**School Support:** English Separate

**Qualifying Address:**  
5160 Decarie boulevard

## Voting Period

**Start:** Friday, October 16, 2026 10:00 AM  
**End:** Monday, October 26, 2026 8:00 PM

## Your PIN

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## How Can I Vote?

Using your PIN and date of birth you can vote by **Internet** or **Phone**.

### Vote by Internet

Type the website below in the address bar at the top of your web browser (such as Chrome, Safari, Edge, etc.) and follow the instructions.

<https://owensound.simplyvoting.com>

### Vote by Phone

Dial and follow the instructions:  
Toll-Free: **1-833-721-1791**

## Election Centres

If you require assistance with electronic voting in person, please bring this letter to one of the **Election Centres** listed on the back of this letter.

## Voter Help Desk

**Email:** elections@owensound.ca  
**Phone:** 519-370-7350

### Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
October 26 (Election Day) 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM

See other side for more information.

## Important Information

By entering the electronic voting system and entering your assigned PIN, you are **declaring that you are eligible to vote** in this election.

This PIN is assigned to, and may only be used by, the elector identified in this correspondence.

Please note that it is **against the law** to vote more than once for any elected office within the same municipality or school board jurisdiction.

### You qualify to vote if:

- You are at least 18 years old on Election Day, October 26, 2026,
- You are a Canadian citizen,
- You or your spouse lives, rents or owns property in the municipality, and
- You are not otherwise prohibited by law from voting.

## Candidates

| Mayor<br>Vote for one (1)                                                                   | Deputy Mayor<br>ACCLAIMED | Councillors<br>Vote for seven (7)                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ray BOTTEN<br>Jodi KING<br>Carol MERTON<br>Mike SEILER<br>Richard THOMAS<br>Andrii ZVORYGIN | Scott GREIG               | David ADAMS<br>Thomas ARAKAL<br>Ross BAKER<br>Justin BIANCO<br>Joe CARDER<br>Dale FUNSTON<br>Brock HAMLEY<br>Michele HAWKINS<br>Jaret KOOP<br>Suneet KUKREJA<br>Justin MELANSON | Melanie MIDDLEBRO'<br>Brian O'LEARY<br>Meghan ROBERTSON<br>Jeff ROCKWELL<br>Tamara SARGENT<br>David W. SCHINBEIN<br>Jasmine SCHNARR<br>Angela STOW<br>David WALTON<br>Michael ZIMON |

| Bluewater District<br>School Board<br>English Public<br>Vote for one (1) | Bruce-Grey Catholic<br>District School Board<br>English Separate<br>ACCLAIMED | Conseil scolaire<br>Viamonde<br>French Public<br>Vote for one (1) | Conseil scolaire<br>catholique Providence<br>French Separate<br>ACCLAIMED |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Michael DUNN<br>Sarah MILNE                                              | Suriya THOMAS                                                                 | Rachael GOLEM<br>Eric LAPOINTE                                    | Michael SALVATORE                                                         |

## Election Centres

If you require assistance in person, you may visit one of the following **Election Centres**:

### City Hall

808 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, Owen Sound

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| October 16    | 12 PM to 4 PM |
| October 19-23 | 12 PM to 4 PM |
| October 26    | 12 PM to 8 PM |

### Heritage Place Mall

1350 16<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owen Sound

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| October 17-18 | 12 PM to 4 PM |
| October 24-25 | 12 PM to 4 PM |
| October 26    | 12 PM to 8 PM |



# Voter Information Letter

- IF a Voter Information Letter is not received:
  - Visit City Hall or an Election Centre
  - Bring ID with name and qualifying address
  - Photo and signature NOT required
    - Ex. Hydro bill

# Who can vote?

- Any person who on Election Day meets the following qualifications:
  - Canadian citizen
  - 18 years old
  - Resides in the City, or is the owner or tenant of land in the City, or the spouse of such a person
  - Not prohibited by law from voting

# Who is being voted for?

- One (1) Mayor
- Seven (7) Councillors
- One (1) School Board Trustee
- A list of certified candidates is available at [www.OwenSoundVotes.ca](http://www.OwenSoundVotes.ca)

- Link to voting site will be on Voter Information Letter
- Link directly from City website
  - Clear prompts
  - No overvoting
  - Undervoting is allowed
  - Can decline the ballot or abstain from a race

- Similar to the internet
- Call number provided on Voter Information Letter
- Input Birth Date and PIN
- Listen to commands
- Use touchpad to make selections
- Opportunity to review and change selections

# Simply Voting Video

The logo for 'Simply Voting' features the word 'Simply' in a dark blue, sans-serif font. A large, orange checkmark is positioned over the 'y' in 'Simply' and the 'V' in 'Voting'. The word 'Voting' is in an orange, sans-serif font.

- Unofficial results available Monday, October 26
  - Approximately 8:15 p.m.
  - [www.OwenSoundVotes.ca](http://www.OwenSoundVotes.ca)
- Official results posted on Tuesday, October 27, 2026

- Internet platform is faster than telephone
- Use back of VIL to organize your voting choices
- All Election Officials have taken an Oath of Secrecy
- Option to have assistance of a friend or interpreter



- Make sure you are on the Voters' List

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## Am I on the list?

Enter your information below

\* Indicates the field is required

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Date of Birth \*

Month  Day  Year

Street Address \*

