

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES 2010

Municipal Election

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 s. 29, 30, 80

Qualifications – Municipal office

A candidate for municipal office must, upon nomination, be a qualified municipal elector and fulfill all of the following requirements:

- a resident of the municipality, a non-resident owner or tenant of land in the municipality or the spouse of such non-resident owner or tenant;
- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years old;
- not be legally prohibited from voting;
- not disqualified for violations of financial requirements in a previous election; and
- not be disqualified by any legislation from holding municipal office.

Note: *A candidate, if nominated, must remain qualified throughout the election and, if elected, throughout the term of office.*

The following persons **are or may be disqualified** from being elected to municipal office:

- any person not eligible to vote in the municipality;
- an employee of a municipality or local board unless he or she:
 - o takes an unpaid leave of absence before being nominated, and
 - o resigns, if elected to the office;
- an inmate of a penal or correctional institution under sentence of imprisonment.
- a judge of any court; or
- a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, a Senator or a Member of the House of Commons **

**** Note:** *Despite the above disqualification, MPs, MPPs and Senators may be nominated for municipal office without having to resign their current seat in Parliament. However, MPs, MPPs and Senators are required to resign their current seat by 2 pm on Friday, September 10, 2010 (nomination day), should they wish to continue to seek municipal office.*

Qualifications – School Board Trustees

School board candidates should confirm that they have the qualifications described in s.219 of the *Education Act*. C07 / 2010_Election_Qualifications_Candidates