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Dear Candidate,

Welcome to the 2018 North Kawartha Municipal Election

North Kawartha Election Officials look forward to assisting you with the election process. It is recommended that you make an appointment with the 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 (note: green box on the left of the screen for Candidate Information)
- **[Subscribe](#) to General Public Notices on the Township website to receive Election Notices and Updates directly to your email.**
- Campaign Signs placed on Township and County Roads and on Provincial Highways must comply with applicable regulations. In accordance with North Kawartha's Election Sign By-Law 2018-013, **no person shall place or permit to be placed an Election Sign for a municipal election earlier than July 28. Signs must be removed no later than October 29.** 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 Candidate, Voter and Third Party Advertising Guides provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and use these Guides as a reference document.

New this Election

- 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 North Kawartha, 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.

- 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 Declarations 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,

Connie Parent *Dipl. M.M., CMO*
Clerk/Election Returning Officer

Enclosures