



**Township of North Kawartha**  
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May 1, 2026

Dear Candidate

### Welcome to the 2026 North Kawartha Municipal Election

North Kawartha Election Officials look forward to assisting you with the election process. On May 30, 2026 our Clerk, Connie Parent is retiring. Effective June 1, 2026 I am promoted from Deputy Clerk to Clerk.

Please make an appointment with me to file your nomination papers as this process may take 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 happy to respond to any questions you may have by email so that you have the information in writing.

#### General Information/Tips:

- Familiarize yourself with the [www.northkawartha.ca/election](http://www.northkawartha.ca/election) content on the Township website.
- **[Subscribe](#) to Election News 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 the North Kawartha Election Sign By-Law 2021-0075, **no person shall place or permit to be placed an Election Sign for a municipal election earlier than August 22, 2026. Signs must be removed no later than November 2, 2026.**
- Ensure you are familiar with the North Kawartha Sign By-Law, Ministry of Transportation and Peterborough County road regulations (to be provided).
- You are encouraged to read through the Candidate, Voter and Third Part 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 in an office in the Township of North Kawartha, if a regular election was held



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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.

**Please do not sign your Declarations in advance as these forms must be signed in the presence of a Commissioner (Municipal Deputy Clerk or 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.

In order to understand how the Township is accountable and transparent to the public and to understand the roles and responsibilities of a member of Council and staff, please take some time to review the following documents available on the Township website:

<https://www.northkawartha.ca/your-local-government/code-of-conduct-accountability/>

- Council Code of Conduct
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Building Official Code of Conduct
- Integrity Commissioner Information
- Council Staff Relations
- Notice to the Public policy (By-Law 2021-0115)
- Accountability and Transparency Policy (By-Law 2021-0116)
- Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m50>

Candidates, particularly those who may be new to municipal government, will benefit from viewing training events available on our Municipal Election, Information for Candidates, [Events and Training](https://www.northkawartha.ca/your-local-government/election-2026/information-for-candidates/events-and-training/) page. (<https://www.northkawartha.ca/your-local-government/election-2026/information-for-candidates/events-and-training/>)

Please contact the Clerk for accessible formats.

Sincerely,

Kelly Picken, AOMC, AMP, Dipl. M.A.  
Election Returning Officer