

## **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election**

This reference document is to help you provide information about the upcoming 2022 Municipal and School Board Election to your community. If at any time you have a question, please feel free to email [election@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:election@greatersudbury.ca) or call the Election Team at ext. 4209.

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## **Civics Education**

### **Why should I vote in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election?**

Our elected officials make important decisions that directly affect our daily lives.

City of Greater Sudbury voters decide who our elected officials are going to be, and on Monday, October 24, 2022, they will vote for:

- 1 Mayor
- 12 City Councillors
- School Board Trustee(s) for one of the four area School Boards within our municipal boundaries:
  - Sudbury Catholic District School Board – English Catholic (Separate)
  - Rainbow District School Board – English Public
  - Conseil scolaire catholique du Novel Ontario – French Catholic (Separate)
  - Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario – French Public

### **Who am I voting for and what are they responsible for?**

#### **Mayor and Councillors**

City of Greater Sudbury City Council includes 1 Mayor and 12 Councillors. City Council approves the City's annual operating budget. The budget funds City services including:

- Emergency services (including fire and police)
- Libraries
- Garbage collection and recycling
- Water and sewer services
- Arts, culture, and civic theatres
- Roads, sidewalks, and streetlights

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Council makes decisions including:

- Policies and priorities for the City of Greater Sudbury
- Long-term plans for the City of Greater Sudbury and its various communities
- By-laws affecting businesses, building, noise and land use
- Development projects
- Annual property tax rate

Council also decides the Capital Budget including:

- Housing and childcare
- Water, sewer and green infrastructure
- Parks, culture and community facilities
- Transportation and roads
- Emerging priorities

### **School Board Trustees**

The City of Greater Sudbury has four School Boards within its boundaries:

- Sudbury Catholic District School Board – English Catholic (Separate)
- Rainbow District School Board – English Public
- Conseil scolaire catholique du Novel Ontario – French Catholic (Separate)
- Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario – French Public

The provincial government funds the School Board's operational and capital budgets. School taxes are included separately in your property taxes.

## **Registering to Vote**

### **How do I know if I'm registered to vote?**

The voters' list is created and provided to us by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). To make sure you're on the voters' list and your information is correct, visit the "Am I on the Voters' List?" section of the City's election website.

If you made changes to your voter information on or after September 12, those new changes will not be reflected on the Voter Information Letter you will receive in the mail. If you do not receive a Voter Information Letter in the mail, you may not be on the voters' list or MPAC may not have had the correct information on file for you.

### **What happens if I'm not registered to vote?**

If you find that you are not on the voters' list or if you have not received a Voter Information Letter by October 11, 2022, you can visit any Voter Registration Centre, located at Citizen Service Centres and Libraries, during their regular business hours up until the close of voting on Election Day (Monday, October 24, 2022). You can also visit any in-person paper ballot voting location on Election Day or on an advance voting day to make sure that you are on the voters' list and your information is up to date. If appropriate, a new or replacement Voter Information letter will be issued to you.



### **What happens once I'm registered and on the voters' list?**

If you are on the voters' list and your information is correct and up to date, you should receive a Voter Information Letter in the mail by October 11. Your Voter Information Letter will contain:

- Your elector details, i.e.: name, address, ward and school board support designation;
- Information and instructions on how to cast your electronic ballot or paper ballot during the voting period;
- A list of voting dates and locations; and
- Identification requirements for voting.

If you do not receive a Voter Information Letter, you may not be on the voters' list or your address information may not be up to date if you have moved since the last election.

### **Why do I need a Voter Information Letter?**

Voter Information Letters contain important information for all voters whether they wish to vote online or in person. The information on your Voter Information Letter will determine the candidates you will be voting for in this election.

In order to vote online, you will need to have your Voter Information Letter. Voter Information Letters include the credentials you will need to access the online voting system, as well as the link to the website. For voters who wish to cast a paper ballot, Voter Information Letters will also contain information about voting dates and times, as well as a list of Advance and Election Day paper ballot voting locations.

### **What if I receive more than one Voter Information Letter (VIL)?**

In some instances, a voter may receive more than one VIL. If that happens, keep the letter that most accurately matches your identification. Then do one of the following with the duplicate letter:

- Dispose of it
- Print 'Duplicate – Return to Sender' on it and drop it in any Canada Post mailbox
- Bring it with you when you go to vote and give it to an election official, letting them know it's a duplicate
- Take it to any Voter Registration Centre during their regular business hours up until the close of voting on Election Day and let them know it's a duplicate

It is a violation of the Municipal Election Act to vote more than once in an election, and could result in fines or jail time.

### **If I haven't registered before Election Day and I'm not on the Voters' List, can I still vote?**

Yes, you can still vote in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election if you have not registered or are not on the Voters' List prior to Election Day, but you will need your Voter Information Letter before you can cast your ballot online.

If you do not receive your Voter Information Letter by the first week of October, and if you meet the voter eligibility requirements for Greater Sudbury, you will need to visit a Voter Registration Centre in person and complete an Application to Amend the Voters' List (EL-15) Form.



City of Greater Sudbury Citizen Service Centres and Libraries are designated as Voter Registration Centres during their regular operating hours from September 1 to October 24, 2022.

## Voting

### **When is the 2022 City of Greater Sudbury Election?**

The 2022 City of Greater Sudbury Election is on Monday, October 24, 2022.

Electronic voting opens on Friday, October 14, 2022, at 10 a.m. and closes on Monday, October 14, 2022 (Election Day) at 8 p.m.

### **Advance Paper Ballot Voting will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2022, and Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the following three locations:**

- Centennial Community Centre & Arena
  - 4333 Centennial Drive, Hanmer
- Chelmsford Community Centre & Arena
  - 215 Edward Avenue, Chelmsford
- Tom Davies Square, Foyer
  - 200 Brady Street, Sudbury

### **Regular Paper Ballot Voting will take place on Monday, October 24, 2022 (Election Day) from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the following 27 Regular Vote Anywhere locations:**

- Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Centre
  - 45 Club Road, Worthington
- Capreol Community Centre & Arena
  - 20 Meehan Avenue, Capreol
- Caruso Club - Upper Hall
  - 385 Haig Street, Sudbury
- Centennial Community Centre & Arena
  - 4333 Centennial Drive, Hanmer
- Chelmsford Community Centre & Arena
  - 215 Edward Avenue, Chelmsford
- Collège Boréal - Restaurant "au pied du rocher"
  - 21 Lasalle Boulevard, Sudbury
- Colonial Inn
  - 28 Cedar Street, Coniston
- Confederation Secondary School
  - 1918 Main Street, Val Caron
- Dowling Citizen Service Centre
  - 79 Main Street West, Dowling
- Dr. Edgar Leclair Community Centre & Arena
  - 158 St. Agnes Street, Azilda

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- Elm West Playground
  - 505 White Street, Sudbury
- Garson Community Centre & Arena
  - 100 Church Street, Garson
- Gerry McCrory Countryside Sports Complex
  - 235 Countryside Drive, Sudbury
- Holiday Inn
  - 1696 Regent Street, Sudbury
- McClelland Community Centre & Arena
  - 37 Veteran's Road, Copper Cliff
- Microtel
  - 1312 Kingsway, Sudbury
- NORCAT
  - 1545 Maley Drive, Sudbury
- Onaping Falls Golden Age Club
  - 109 Service Road, Onaping
- Queen Elizabeth II Public School
  - 32 Dell Street, Sudbury
- Robert H. Murray Public School
  - 3 Henry Street, Whitefish
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 76
  - 1553 Weller Street, Sudbury
- Skead Senior Citizens Club
  - 5 Bell Street, Skead
- St. Stephen's on the Hill United Church
  - 1248 Lauzon Avenue, Sudbury
- T.M. Davies Community Centre & Arena
  - 325 Anderson Drive, Lively
- United Pentecostal Church
  - 2080 Lasalle Boulevard, Sudbury
- United Steelworkers Hall & Conference Centre
  - 66 Brady Street, Sudbury
- Wahnapiatae Community Centre
  - 161 Glenbower Crescent, Wahnapiatae

## Who can vote in the 2022 City of Greater Sudbury Election?

In order to vote you must:

- Be a resident in the local municipality or are the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Be at least 18 years old; and
- Not be prohibited from voting under subsection 17 (3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or otherwise by law.
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Subsection 17(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 prohibits the following persons from voting:

- A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution;
- A corporation;
  
- A person acting as executor or trustee or in any other representative capacity; and
- A person who was convicted of the corrupt practice described in subsection 90 (3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, if voting day in the current election is less than five years after voting day in the election in respect of which the person was convicted.

### **How can I vote?**

During the 2022 City of Greater Sudbury Election, voters can choose one of the following ways to vote:

#### **1. Vote online**

Online voting opens at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 14 and closes at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022. During this time voters can vote from anywhere at the time that is most convenient to them. In order to vote online, you will need to have your Voter Information Letter. Voter Information Letters include the credentials you will need to access the online voting system, as well as the link to the website.

#### **2. Vote in advance using a paper ballot**

On Saturday, October 15 and Saturday, October 22, you may vote at any one of the City of Greater Sudbury's three advance voting locations between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. A list of all voting locations is available on the City of Greater Sudbury's election website.

[www.greatersudbury.ca/elections](http://www.greatersudbury.ca/elections).

#### **3. Vote on Election Day**

Regular Paper Ballot Voting will take place on Monday, October 24, 2022 (Election Day) from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. at 27 Regular Vote Anywhere locations. Voters can visit the City of Greater Sudbury's election website to see a list of all locations and visit the "Am I on the Voters' List" page to find the nearest locations to them.

### **What happens if I get an error "voting credential not valid" when trying to vote online?**

If you get this message, it means that your date of birth is incorrect or missing on the voters' list. Please visit a Voter Registration Centre to have your information corrected. You can also check the link to see if your information is correct by visiting the "Am I on the Voters' List" page on the City's election website: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/city-hall/municipal-schoolboard-elections/am-i-on-the-voters-list/>

Do not use spaces when entering your pin number.

### **What can I expect when I show up at the voting location?**

When you arrive at the voting location, an election official will verify that your name is on the voters' list. You should bring your Voter Information Letter and a piece of identification with you to



the location. If you are not on the voters list, please see “What do I need to bring to vote?” below.  
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### **What do I need to bring to vote?**

If you are coming to vote at an in-person paper ballot voting location, although it is not a requirement, we ask that you please bring your Voter Information Letter to make processing times faster at the voting location. You will, however, need to bring your ID with you to verify your identity.

If you do not have a piece of ID you will be asked to complete an affirmation to confirm your identity.

Once you are verified and any necessary changes to your information have been made (if required), you will be provided with your paper ballot based on your ward and school board support.

Upon completing the ballot, you will take it to a ballot box and deposit your ballot into the ballot box.

If you are not registered to vote and wish to register at the voting location, we can add you to the voters’ list. To be added to the list, you will need to bring a piece of ID with you and you will have to complete an “Application to Amend the Voters’ List” form to be added.

### **What type of ID can I show when I am registering to vote, or updating my address or name?**

There are a number of acceptable IDs that can be used to either register to vote or to update your address or name. In order to be used, the ID must show your full name.

Some examples of acceptable ID:

1. An Ontario driver’s licence
2. An Ontario Health Card (photo card)
3. An Ontario Photo Card
4. An Ontario motor vehicle permit (vehicle portion)
5. A cancelled personalized cheque
6. A mortgage statement, lease or rental agreement relating to property in Ontario
7. An insurance policy or insurance statement
8. A loan agreement or other financial agreement with a financial institution
9. A document issued or certified by a court in Ontario
10. Any other document from the government of Canada, Ontario or a municipality in Ontario or from an agency of such a government
11. Any document from a Band Council in Ontario established under the Indian Act (Canada)
12. An income tax assessment notice
13. A Child Tax Benefit Statement
14. A Statement of Employment Insurance Benefits Paid T4E
15. A Statement of Old Age Security T4A (OAS)
16. A Statement of Canada Pension Plan Benefits T4A (P)

17. A Canada Pension Plan Statement of Contributions
18. A Statement of Direct Deposit for Ontario Works
19. A Statement of Direct Deposit for Ontario Disability Support Program
20. A Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Statement of Benefits T5007
21. A property tax assessment
22. A credit card statement, bank account statement, or RRSP, RRIF, RHOSP or T5 statement
23. A CNIB Card or a card from another registered charitable organization that provides services to persons with disabilities
24. A hospital card or record
25. A document showing campus residence, issued by the office or officials responsible for student residence at a post-secondary institution
26. A document showing residence at a long-term care home under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, issued by the Administrator for the home
  
27. A utility bill for hydro, water, gas, telephone or cable TV or a bill from a public utilities commission
28. A cheque stub, T4 statement or pay receipt issued by an employer
29. A transcript or report card from a post-secondary school

**I don't have a piece of ID, can I still vote?**

If you do not have a piece of ID, you can show another form of identification from the list above to show proof of identity. If you do not have any identification to support your identity and proof of residence, you can complete an application and a declaration to have yourself added to the list.

**What if I don't have a fixed address?**

If you live in City of Greater Sudbury and have no fixed address or postal address, the following rules apply in determining your place of residence:

1. The place to which the person most frequently returned to sleep or eat during the five weeks preceding the determination is his or her residence.
2. If the person returns with equal frequency to one place to sleep and to another to eat, the place to which he or she returns to sleep is his or her residence.
3. Multiple returns to the same place during a single day, whether to eat or to sleep, shall be considered one return.
4. A person's declaration regarding the places to which he or she returned to eat or sleep during a given time period is conclusive, in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

**I am a student at one of the post-secondary institutions. Can I vote in City of Greater Sudbury's election?**

Yes. Students are able to vote in the election provided they meet all voting requirements (18 or older, are a Canadian citizen, live in the City of Greater Sudbury, and are not disqualified from voting).

**I own property in City of Greater Sudbury but do not live in the city. Can I vote?**





Yes, non-resident property electors are able to vote in the City of Greater Sudbury election. In order to vote as a non-resident property elector you must meet all eligibility requirements, including:

- be 18 or older
- be a Canadian citizen
- not entitled to register as a resident elector in the City of City of Greater Sudbury (meaning you do not live in the City of Greater Sudbury)
- not be disqualified from voting

Please note that if you are registered as a non-resident voter you will only vote for Mayor and Council and are not entitled to vote for a School Board Trustee.

**I live in one area of the City of Greater Sudbury and own property in another (i.e. live in Ward 2 and own property in Ward 10) Can I vote in both wards?**

No, the ward where you live is the ward that you will cast your ballot in. You are not entitled to vote more than once in a municipality, and it is an offence to do so. Even if you receive a Voter Information Letter for more than one property that you own, you are only allowed to vote using the credentials for the property that you live at.

## **Voting locations**

### **How do I know where to go to vote?**

As a City of Greater Sudbury voter, you choose any voting location of your choice on a voting

day. You may choose the location that is most convenient for you. Visit the “Am I on the Voters’ List” page of the City’s election website to find the location closest to you.

### **How are locations chosen?**

The City of Greater Sudbury runs its election a little differently from other levels of government and other municipalities in Ontario.

We were one of the first municipalities in Ontario to implement a vote anywhere, ballot on demand voting model, and this allows us to look at the election and its delivery in a different way. One of the biggest differences between our election and others is the way that we choose our voting locations.

Voting locations are chosen based on a number of criteria, including but not limited to:

- Accessibility for persons with disabilities
- General ease of access for voters within the catchment area
- General community familiarity with the location
- Proximity to main roadways and transit stops

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- Availability of parking
- Necessary power and internet or cellular requirements

An added consideration for this election involves ensuring that locations have sufficient space to allow for distancing and spacing of voters and election staff, given the continuing presence of COVID-19 in the community.

Locations that were chosen are commonly used as voting locations by other levels of government. We understand that no location is perfect, and some areas of the city have limited locations available that satisfy the necessary criteria. The election team aims to balance these factors in selecting locations.

A complete list of paper ballot vote anywhere voting locations can be found on the election website.

## **I need help with marking my ballot. How can I get help?**

You can choose to:

- Get help from an assigned election official. All election officials take an oath to keep your vote a secret.
- Bring someone you know to the voting place. Let the election official know, as the person helping you will have to take an oath of secrecy.

## **Voting locations and COVID-19 safety**

### **What is the Election Team doing to ensure safety from COVID-19?**

All current Provincial Health Orders and local Public Health Sudbury and District directives will be followed at voting locations.

Here are ways you can help protect yourself, election workers and fellow voters at the voting place:

- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose.
- Respect everyone's space.
- If you are sick, please stay home.

Remember, you can also vote online or in advance to avoid lineups on Election Day.

### **I don't feel safe going to a voting place on Election Day (October 24), what other options are there?**

If you do not want to vote in-person on Election Day, there are two options:

1. You can vote online anytime, from anywhere beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022, to 8 p.m. on Election Day (October 24)
2. You may also vote in advance on October 15 and 22 at an in person vote anywhere

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paper ballot location. Typically, advance voting days are less busy, which should help limit exposures at the voting place.

## 3. Proxy Voting

### **I was planning to vote on Election Day but am now sick, what can I do?**

If you are unable to attend a voting location on Election Day, you can vote online or appoint a voting proxy.

### **Will you be requiring/checking vaccinations to vote in person?**

Vaccinations are not required to vote, and election officials will not be checking vaccine records.

### **Do I need to wear a mask to vote?**

Masks are welcome but are not required unless public health orders change. You may choose to wear a mask at the voting place if you want.

## **Candidates**

### **Who are the candidates?**

Candidates for the 2022 City of Greater Sudbury Election are posted on the City of Greater Sudbury election website under the 2022 Registered Candidates section.

### **Can a candidate withdraw from the race?**

A candidate can withdraw from the race by August 19, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. (Nomination Day)

### **What happens if a candidate decides they don't want to run anymore but the deadline to withdraw has passed?**

If the deadline to withdraw their name from the race has passed and a certified candidate decides that they no longer wish to run for office, they are unable to withdraw legally and officially, and their name will still appear on the ballot.

The only time a certified candidate's name will be removed from the ballot by the Clerk after the deadline to withdraw has passed is if the candidate has passed away or becomes ineligible to hold the office.

### **How can I find out more about the candidates?**

When they file their nomination, candidates are asked to provide contact information including their telephone, email or website. If they have provided this information, it can be found on the election website under the 2022 Registered Candidates section.

You may also:

- Attend an all-candidates' meeting hosted by a local organization
- Contact candidates directly if you have specific questions