

Kindersley Municipal Election 2016

Getting Prepared



General Overview



- The next urban municipal election is Wednesday, October 26, 2016
- Beginning in 2012, urban municipal elections in Saskatchewan take place every 4 years
- Kindersley Council consists of 1 Mayor and 6 Councillors

Legislation



- Local Saskatchewan Election Act, 2016
 - The local Government Election Act outlines the process that must be followed to ensure that the election is conducted correctly
- The Municipal Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2015.
 - Newly adopted by the Province of Saskatchewan
- Council Procedures Bylaw, 03-16

What's New for 2016



- Criminal Record Checks for Candidates are now required
- New Conflict of Interest Regulations
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- Amended Council Procedures Bylaw
- Council members must file a public disclosure statement
- Revised Oath of Office

Role of Returning Officer



- The Returning Officer is the person appointed by Council to be responsible for the overall process of the election
- This includes:
 - Calling for and accepting nominations
 - Arranging for election workers
 - Identifying polling locations
 - Ordering ballots
 - Monitoring the voting process on Election Day
 - Declaring the successful candidates

Who Can Run?



- In order to be a candidate in the municipal election, you must:
 - Be at least 18 years of age on Election Day
 - Be a Canadian citizen
 - Have resided in the Town of Kindersley for at least three (3) consecutive months immediately before the nomination paper is submitted
 - Have resided in Saskatchewan for at least six (6) consecutive months before the nomination paper is submitted
- All nomination papers must be signed by at least 5 voters of the municipality

Nomination Day



- At least 10 business days before Nomination Day, the Returning Officer will publish and post a Notice of Call for Nominations stating the vacancies to be filled by the election.
- All nominations must include completed application, 5 references, and a criminal record check
- Nominations can then be filed at the Administration Office any time during regular office hours up to Nomination Day
- Nomination Day is Wednesday, September 21, 2016 between 9AM – 4PM

Timeline

August 31:
Call for
Nominations

Sept 6:
Candidate Info
Session
Town Office 6 PM

Sept 21:
Nomination Day
(Last day to submit
nominations)

Oct 13:
Advance Polls
Town Office 4-9 PM

Oct 26:
Election Day

October 27:
Declaration of
Results
Town office 9AM

October 28:
Council
Swearing-In

Nov 1-2:
Council
Orientation

Nov 14:
First Meeting of
Council



Becoming a Candidate



- I should consider running for municipal office because...
 - I enjoy being part of a team that makes decisions that affect all aspects of community life
 - I want to provide a voice for our community with other levels of government
 - I can make a positive difference in the quality of life in our community
 - I can put forward new ideas for debate and possible implementation and change
 - I bring the perspectives of my peers to the decision-making table

Becoming a Candidate



- I should consider running for municipal office because...
 - I am a good leader, listener, and learner
 - I have good ideas and am open to new ones
 - I handle criticism well
 - I am a good decision-maker

Making the Decision



- Talk to former or current councillors to find out more about the commitments and responsibilities that are necessary to be involved.
- Familiarize yourself with local Council procedures by attending and observing Council meetings
- Make sure that you're ready to become a key leader in your community;
 - this does not always translate into being 'liked' or being able to be 'low-key' when attending events 'off-duty'

Three Questions to Ask Yourself



1. Why am I running?
2. Do I have the full support of my family and close friends?
3. If I win, what do I want to accomplish, and be known for?

Duties of Council



Above all, Council makes laws.

- The Municipalities Act sets out the general duties for councillors, which include:
 - Making laws
 - Passing budgets
 - Developing and adopting public policy

Roles and Responsibilities



- To provide good government
- To make decisions that will maintain and improve the quality of life for all citizens
- To make decisions as a team and establish policies regarding the provision of municipal services
- To provide direction to Town administration about the operation of the municipality
- To ensure that the municipality's finances and human resources are managed effectively and efficiently
- To foster economic, social and environmental well-being

Role of the Mayor



- Shall serve as Chair and preside at all meetings of Council
- Shall preserve order and enforce rules of the Council
- Will rule in any conflict between two or more rules in The Procedures Bylaw

Role of Deputy Mayor



- Shall be appointed for a two-year period, or shorter/longer if Council should decide
- Perform the duties of the Mayor if the Mayor is unavailable

Other Council Information



Remuneration and Benefits

- Remuneration and allowance for expenses is set by the previous Council. For the incoming Council, remuneration is as follows:
- \$750 per month for Councillors
- \$1,000 per month for Deputy Mayor
- \$2,500 per month for Mayor

Other Council Information



Council Committees

Municipal councils can establish any council committees or other bodies (boards, associations, commissions, etc.) that are needed or desired for the municipality and define the functions.

Ex. Transportation Committee, Cemetery Committee, Kindersley and District Plains Museum Board, Airport Board

Other Council Information



Council Decisions

Actions of Council are not effective unless authorized or adopted by bylaw or resolution at a duly-constituted public meeting of Council.

Other Council Information



Governance Model

Began based on the Carver Model but has been adopted to reflect Kindersley needs and municipal government.

Follows the Council Governance Manual, last updated April 11, 2015

Who Can Vote?



- In order to vote in the municipal election, you must:
 - Be at least 18 years of age on Election Day
 - Be a Canadian citizen
 - Have resided in Saskatchewan for at least six (6) consecutive months before Election Day
 - Have resided in the Town of Kindersley for at least three (3) consecutive months immediately before Election Day, or
 - Be an owner of assessable land within the Town of Kindersley for at least three (3) consecutive months immediately before Election Day