

2017 Edmonton Election Guide

WHEN IS THE 2017 EDMONTON ELECTION?

The Edmonton Election is Monday, October 16, 2017. Voting is open 9 am to 8 pm.

WHO CAN VOTE?

You may vote in the 2017 Edmonton Election if you:

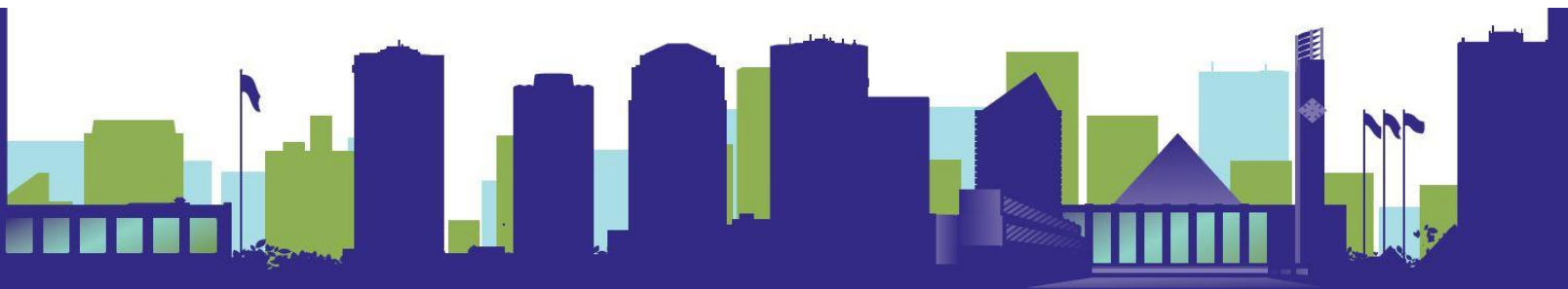
- are at least 18 years old,
- are a Canadian citizen,
- have lived in Alberta since April 16, 2017,
- are currently living in Edmonton, and
- you live in the ward where you vote on election day.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

Your address determines where you will vote. Where to Vote cards will be delivered to all Edmonton homes in early October 2017. These cards contain specific, important voting information:

- **your Advance Vote and Election Day voting station location and hours**
- accessibility information about these locations
- voter eligibility
- authorized identification
- where to find information on candidates running in your ward

You can also use the Where to Vote tool online at the Edmonton Elections website (available June 2017)



WHO CAN I VOTE FOR?

Voters will cast a ballot for:

- One Mayor (elected city-wide)
- One City Councillor for their ward
- Either an Edmonton Catholic or Edmonton Public School District Trustee

Candidates become official on Nomination Day, September 18, 2017. Candidates names and links to their information will be posted on the Edmonton Elections website on September 19, 2017.

Edmonton Elections will host a series of candidate forums for voters to hear from (and ask questions of) mayoral and city councillor candidates. The forums are scheduled from September 25 to October 11, 2017 and are open to the public.

WHAT DO I NEED TO VOTE?

To vote, you must present a piece of authorized (acceptable) identification with your name and current address.

Examples of authorized identification:

- Alberta Driver's Licence or vehicle insurance certificate
- Alberta Identification Card
- bank statement, credit card statement, personal cheque or utility bill
- pension statement
- lease or mortgage statement
- tax assessment notice
- correspondence from a post-secondary school

NOTE: Passports, work, and student ID are not accepted as authorized identification.

The full list of authorized identification is available on the Edmonton Elections website.



WHAT ARE MY VOTING OPTIONS?

Election Day

Edmonton Elections has made every effort to ensure voting stations are wheelchair accessible and equipped with handrails, ramps, and elevators.

All voting stations will have:

- magnifiers
- pencil grips
- pens and paper
- instructions to voters
- examples of how to mark a ballot
- posters stating the languages election workers speak at the voting station

Voters are also welcome to bring someone to help with voting. Those providing help will need to complete a short form allowing them to assist.

New for 2017: *Fast Pass*

For voters who are unable to stand in line, election workers will assist the voter through the line and process as quickly as possible. Alternatively, Edmonton Elections also has a process to bring the vote to an eligible citizen parked in their vehicle at the voting station.

Advance Voting

Advance voting is the opportunity to vote before election day. It will take place for 10 continuous days: October 4-13, 2017. Advance voting is an excellent option for voters, as there are no extra qualifications. This is also a time where voters who wish to vote without assistance can vote. Those who are blind, visually impaired, or who have a disability or condition that makes it difficult to traditionally mark a ballot can also benefit from advance voting. All advance vote locations will offer citizens the opportunity to vote independently using an electronic ballot marking tool that accommodates sip-and-puff, audio cues, and braille.

Special (Mail-In) Ballots

Voting by Special (Mail-in) Ballot is available for eligible voters unable to make it to an advance vote or election day voting station because the voter is:

- physically incapacitated
- absent from the local jurisdiction (City of Edmonton)
- an election worker, candidate, official agent or scrutineer located at a voting station other than the one designated for your place of residence

Special (Mail-in) Ballot applications will be available on the Edmonton Elections website starting Tuesday, August 1, 2017. It is the voters responsibility that they are dropped off/mailed and received by the Election and Census Office (16304 - 114 Avenue) by 7 pm on Election Day in order to be counted.

Senior Accommodation Facility Vote

Conducted during advance voting, the Senior Accommodation Facility Vote offers care facility residents who are unable to attend a regular voting station the opportunity to cast a ballot at their facility. These voting opportunities are restricted to residents of the care facility.

Voting at a Hospital or Institution

On Election Day, a voting station and bed-to-bed voting will be set up in hospitals throughout the city, giving those in active treatment centres the opportunity to vote. These voting stations are restricted to patients of the facility. Edmonton Elections will also bring the vote to homeless shelters on Election Day.



HOW DO I VOTE AT THE ADVANCE VOTE OR ON ELECTION DAY?

Before voting

- Find your voting station on your Where to Vote card (delivered to Edmonton homes in early October 2017) or using the Where to Vote tool on the Edmonton Elections website.
- Identify a piece of authorized identification to bring to the voting station. Your identification must confirm your name and current residential address.

After entering the voting station

Step 1

Present your authorized identification.
An election worker will assist you with registration.
You will receive a ballot.



Step 2

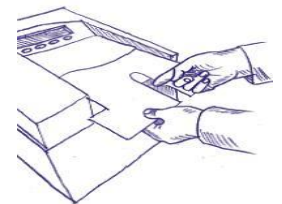
Go to a voting booth and mark your ballot. You are able to mark one candidate for mayor, ward councillor, and school board trustee.

Mark your ballot by filling in the oval beside the name of the candidate of your choice.



Step 3

Take your ballot to the tabulator and deposit it into the ballot box.



You have voted! If you require assistance at any time during this process, speak to an election worker at the voting station. We are here to help you make it happen!



MAKE IT HAPPEN

VOTE!

WHEN ARE THE ELECTIONS RESULTS POSTED?

Unofficial election results will be sent to media outlets shortly after the voting stations close at 8 pm, however the official results will not be posted until noon on Friday, October 20, 2017. Please check the Edmonton Election website.

Celebrate the newly elected officials at the Swearing in Ceremony on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 1:30 pm at City Hall.

ARE ELECTION WORK OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE?

More than 3,000 workers are needed for the 2017 Edmonton Election. Interested? Below is a list of the positions available. More details - responsibilities, qualifications, training and compensation - are available on the Edmonton Elections website.

- Presiding Deputy (PD)
- Assistant Presiding Deputy (APD)
- Tabulator Clerk (TC)
- Ballot Clerk (BC)
- Deputy Returning Officer (DRO)
- Standby Worker (STBY)

To apply, go online and complete the Election Worker Application Form. Applicants must also complete an Election Worker Questionnaire in person at the Elections and Census Office, available June 12, 2017.

Elections and Census Office

16304 - 114 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 3R8

780-442-VOTE (8683)

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