

Municipal Election 2024

Municipal Elections are held every four years in Nova Scotia and 2024 is an election year! Municipal Council recently confirmed that residents of the Municipality of the County of Kings will be able to vote electronically, which means they can vote on the internet or by phone (cell or landline). Voting will be available for a 10-day period from **October 10 through October 19**. You can vote anytime from anywhere during that time! There will be no paper balloting but voters requiring help with electronic voting will be able to receive assistance by phone or in person.

Voters will be electing a Mayor, as well as a Councillor in the District where they live (there are nine Districts in total) for the next four years. Eligible residents will also be able to choose a member of the *Conseil scolaire acadien provincial*.

To be eligible to vote:

- you must be 18 years or older on the first advance polling day (October 10)
- you must be a Canadian citizen on the first advance polling day (October 10)
- you must have been ordinarily resident in Nova Scotia for at least six months immediately preceding the first advance polling day (by April 9)
- you must be a resident of the Municipality of the County of Kings since immediately before the first advance polling day (October 10)
- You are not otherwise disqualified to vote in the Municipal and School Board elections

Thinking of running for Council? Qualifications to run for Mayor or Councillor:

- you must be 18 years of age at the time of nomination
- you must be a Canadian citizen
- you must have been ordinarily resident in the Municipality of the County of Kings for six months before nomination day (by March 10), and continue to do so
- you must have obtained a certificate that, as of nomination day (September 10), the charges that are liens on your property and the taxes due to the Municipality have been fully paid or all instalments or interim payments that are due as of nomination day have been paid
- you are not disqualified under the [Municipal Elections Act](#)

Here is why it's important to vote!

Municipal Council is elected by the residents of the Municipality to make decisions about municipal services, by-laws, policies, and programs. These have a direct impact on people who live and work in the Municipality, and those who have businesses here. The cost for providing services is covered by revenue from residential and commercial property taxes. Council approves the annual budget and sets the property tax rates.

The Municipality provides a multitude of programs and services, either directly or through third parties, including:

- Recreation
- Sewer and Water
- Waste Collection
- Community Grants
- Some Roads & Sidewalks
- Public Transportation

- Land Use Planning
- Building & Development Services
- Animal Control
- Fire & Emergency Services

That's not all! Council develops a Strategic Plan to pinpoint Key Strategic Priorities for the coming years. These include projects in the areas of accessibility, diversity, active transportation, green energy, economic development, broadband, and more. Have a look at the current Strategic Plan for 2021-2024 [here](#).

Mark the e-voting dates of October 10-19 in your calendar and watch for more information to come!