

Orillia and area to offer Candidate Information Sessions for Municipal Election

For immediate release (March 7, 2018) – The Ministry of Municipal Affairs, in partnership with the City of Orillia and Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara, Severn, and Springwater, will be hosting free information sessions for citizens interested in running for Council or School Board Trustee Offices in the 2018 Municipal Election.

The first Candidate Information Session will take place on Thursday, April 12, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Township of Oro-Medonte’s Council Chambers, located in the Administration Centre at 148 Line 7 South, Oro-Medonte. Later on that evening, the second session will be offered from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the City of Orillia’s Council Chamber, located at 50 Andrew St. S., Orillia.

What:	Candidate Information Sessions	
When:	Thursday, April 12, 2018	
Where:	Session #1	Session #2
	Township of Oro-Medonte	City of Orillia
	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
	Council Chambers	Council Chamber
	Administration Centre	Orillia City Centre
	148 Line 7 South, Oro-Medonte	50 Andrew St. S., Orillia

During these sessions, representatives from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs will present information and answer questions on various topics including eligibility to run for office, general campaign rules, election finances, and compliance audits. The roles of Council, Head of Council, municipal staff, School Board Trustees, third party advertisers, proxies and scrutineers will also be explored in detail.

“Serving the public as an elected official requires a considerable commitment of time and energy,” said Gayle Jackson, Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk for the City of Orillia. “Running for office is an exciting, challenging, and worthwhile experience, and we want to provide potential candidates with all of the necessary tools and information to assist them with this process.”

Candidates’ Information Guides will be available for all attendees outlining key timetables for the 2018 Municipal Election, campaign period requirements, election sign regulations, voting equipment and accessibility information.

“Prospective candidates must satisfy themselves through their own determination that they have complied with the election regulations,” said Janet Nyhof, Deputy Clerk for the City of Orillia. “Anyone intending to stand for elected office is encouraged to refer to their municipality’s website and candidate guide to obtain the most up-to-date information on the 2018 Municipal Election.”

To **register for the Township of Oro-Medonte** session, individuals are asked to email Janette Teeter at jteeter@oro-medonte.ca with their name, address and phone number or call 705-487-4028. Citizens can also visit oro-medonte.ca for other election details.

To **register for the City of Orillia** session, individuals are asked to email Janet Nyhof at jnyhof@orillia.ca with their name, address and phone number or call 705-325-2108. Citizens can also visit orillia.ca/election2018 for other election details.



NEWS RELEASE

The 2018 Municipal Election takes place on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018.

Persons may file a Nomination Paper from 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 to 2 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018.

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