

2026 Municipal Election Frequently Asked Questions (September 25, 2026)

Q:	If a resident only checks off 3 candidates for council instead of 6 would that warrant a spoiled ballot, if not what does cause a spoiled ballot?
A:	Electors can choose up to 6 Candidates for Council. Should an elector only choose 3, this does not spoil the ballot. An Elector has the option to “Decline to Vote” on the ballot in its entirety. This would constitute a spoiled ballot. How to Vote video. The video is also on the Town’s website under the 2026 Municipal Election page.
Q:	Can you confirm whether or not, as of today (September 23, 2026) any third-party advertisers are registered in the 2026 Gananoque municipal election? If the answer is "yes", please identify which persons, organizations or corporations are so registered and on what date they registered.
A:	As of September 23, 2026, no Third-Party Advertiser applications have been registered. Should a Third-Party registration be received, it will be posted under the 2026 Municipal Election page.
Q:	Does the town have an economic development plan? If so, is it publicly available/where can it be found?
A:	Economic Development is included in the Town’s Strategic Plan . The Plan is located on the Town’s website under By-law No. 2026-43.
Q:	Does the town have an official long term financial strategic plan? Again, if so, is it publicly available/where can it be found?
A:	The Town has an Asset Management Plan (AMP) . The Plan is located on the Town’s website under By-law No. 2024-77.
Q:	When does the voting period begin?
A:	The 2026 Voting Period begins on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 10:00 AM and ends on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 8:00 PM.
Q:	When will Official Candidates receive the Voters List?
A:	The Voters’ List will become available on September 1, 2026. To receive the Voters’ List from the Municipal Clerk, you must give the Clerk a written acknowledgement (Form TG10) confirming that you will: • only use the list for electoral purposes, not for commercial purposes • follow the restrictions set out in the <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i>, for handling the Voters’ List • only share the list with others (such as campaign workers) after obtaining a similar written acknowledgement from them. Form TG10 (Declaration of Proper Use of the Voters’ List), will be circulated to Official Candidates, prior to September 1, 2026.

Q:	When can election signs be posted?
A:	Election signs shall not be erected more than six (6) weeks prior to the date of the election and shall be removed within seven (7) days after the election. Therefore, candidates may begin posting signs for the 2026 Municipal Election on Monday, September 14, 2026 , and signs shall be removed by Monday, November 2, 2026 .
Q:	Is there a by-law governing campaign signs on municipal property and/or using municipal property to campaign on?
A:	Yes. The Sign and Merchandise By-law No. 2005-041, as amended, states the following: “SECTION 2.0 DEFINITIONS 2.15 ELECTION SIGN means any <i>sign</i> advertising or promoting the election of candidates” “SECTION 4.0 SIGNS PERMITTED FOR ALL USE CATEGORIES 4.1 f) Public election lists, public <i>election signs</i>, and candidate <i>signs</i> subject to: i) No <i>election signs</i> shall exceed a maximum <i>sign area</i> of 5.0 sq.m. except that a commercially available <i>billboard</i> may be used to display an <i>election sign</i> subject to the time restrictions noted below. ii) Such <i>signs</i> shall not be <i>erected</i> more than six (6) weeks prior to the date of the election and shall be removed within seven (7) days after the election. iii) No <i>election sign</i> shall be permitted on any road allowances or municipal property under the jurisdiction of The Corporation of The Town of Gananoque. iv) All <i>signs</i> shall be setback in accordance with this By-law. v) All <i>signs</i> in contravention of this By-law shall be removed pursuant to the authority set out in of the <i>Municipal Act</i>, S.O. 2001, c. 25, paragraph 3 of Section 99.