



Voter Frequently Asked Questions

Why Vote?

The Town of Georgina provides daily services such as fixing roads, providing water, garbage collection, and holds year-round activities in a variety of recreational facilities. The Town also maintains our many impressive public parks, beaches, forested areas, and conservation areas.

The Town of Georgina decides how your property tax dollars are spent. Your vote does make a difference.

Voting for your School Board Trustee allows you to choose a representative that will best meet the needs of students. School Board Trustees administer the building and maintenance of schools, hire teachers and staff needed to run them, and authorize spending on educational programs and initiatives.

Who can vote?

You can vote in the 2022 Municipal Election if you are:

- A Canadian Citizen; and
- At least 18 years of age; and
- A resident of the Town of Georgina; or
- A non-resident of the Town of Georgina, but you or your spouse own or rent property in the Town; and
- Not prohibited from voting by any law.

You may only vote once in the Town of Georgina regardless of how many properties you own or rent within the Town.

Who am I voting for?

As a Georgina elector, you are voting for Mayor, Regional Councillor, Ward Councillors, and School Board Trustees.

- The Mayor and Regional Councillor are elected by all electors.
- The Councillors are elected by eligible electors of each ward – one councillor for each of Georgina's five wards.
- School Board Trustees are elected by areas and school support preference choice. The board you are entitled to vote for is determined by your school support status, as shown on the Voter's list.

*Regardless of the number of properties you may own in the Region of York, you are only entitled to vote once for the positions of York Catholic District School Board Trustee, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde Trustee, and Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir Trustee in the 2022 Municipal Election.



Where can I get information about the candidates?

You may contact the candidates individually, review the information contained on the candidate's website/ promotional material, watch the media for candidate information, or attend candidate meetings.

The Town of Georgina cannot provide information on candidate's platforms, however, you can visit georgina.ca/elections/2022 Candidate Information to see the full list of Candidate's who have filed their nominations, as well as their contact information. Please note that the Town of Georgina does not verify, authorize, or endorse the information provided by any candidate.

How do I vote?

For the 2022 Municipal Election Georgina Electors may cast their ballot online or in-person on select days.

To vote online, you will need your personalized Voter Information Letter. This letter will contain a Voting PIN (Personal Identification Number) and instructions on how to access the ballot. Using your PIN and your date of birth, you will be able to cast your ballot from an internet connected computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Electors may also cast their votes via a paper ballot at select locations. For a full list of Voting days and locations, visit georgina.ca/elections. The Town of Georgina operates a vote anywhere system. This means electors can visit any location in the Town of Georgina to cast their ballot.

When will I receive my Voter Information Letter?

Voter Information Letters will be mailed out beginning the week of September 26th, 2022.

What if I did not receive my Voter Information Letter?

If you do not receive a Voter Information Letter, then you are not on the Municipal Voters List. You must be on the Municipal Voters List in order to vote. If you are not on the Voters List you may visit any voting location during advance polls and on Voting Day to be added to the Voters List.

I received a Voter Information Letter for someone who doesn't live at my address anymore. How do I remove them from the Voters' List?

Please return the letter to the Town of Georgina by doing either of the following:

- Put the letter back in its envelope with the mailing addresses showing in the windows, write 'Return to sender' on the front of the envelope and 'Moved' on the back, and mail it back to the Town of Georgina.
- Take it to any Voting Place during in-person Voting Days and give it to the Voting Place Supervisor.



I received a Voter Information Letter for a family member who passed away. How do I remove them from the Voters' List?

Please return the letter to the Town of Georgina by doing either of the following:

- Put the letter back in its envelope with the mailing addresses showing in the windows, write 'Return to sender' on the front of the envelope and 'Deceased' on the back, and mail it back to the Town of Georgina.
- Take it to any Voting Place during in-person Voting Days and give it to the Voting Place Supervisor

If I cannot mark my ballot on my own can I ask for assistance or bring a friend along with me?

Yes. If you are unable to mark your ballot on your own you may ask any of the election officials for assistance. You may also bring a friend along to assist you. If doing so, you must swear an oath that you require assistance and your friend must swear an oath that they will vote as you instruct them.

Can I bring an interpreter with me?

Yes. You may ask anyone who is not a candidate or scrutineer to act as an interpreter for you. They must swear an oath that they will faithfully translate any communication between you and the election officials.

What types of assistive devices are available?

The Town of Georgina is committed to providing all candidates and electors with equal opportunity to participate in the electoral process. This ensures dignity, fairness, integration, and a welcoming experience for all our electors. Voter Assist Technologies will be available at select locations. Assistive devices that will be available include: sip-n-puff devices, rocker paddle devices, audio headphones, and more. Please visit georgina.ca/elections for information on when assistive devices will be available at various locations.

Where can I get the results of the election?

Unofficial results will be posted on the Town of Georgina's website as soon as possible, upon completion of voting on October 24, 2022. Because of the complexity of combining in-person and online voting results, there may be a delay in when the results are posted.

What if I cannot make it to the voting place on voting day?

Electors who are unavailable to vote on Voting Day have several options in order to vote. Electors may utilize the online voting system to cast their vote online or at the advance polls.



Electors may also appoint a voting proxy to vote on their behalf. To appoint a proxy, you and the person you want to appoint as a proxy must fill out the Appointment for Proxy Form and deliver it to the Georgina Civic Centre before election day. An Appointment for Proxy Form can be found at georgina.ca/Electon2022.

You must know who you want to appoint as your proxy when you fill out and sign the form. The person you want to appoint must be eligible to vote for you in the election, and should be someone you trust to mark the ballot in the way you have instructed them to.

My family owns a cottage but primarily resides in another municipality, do I have to choose which municipality to vote in?

No. You are eligible to vote in the municipality where you live and the municipality where you qualify as a non-resident elector. You can vote in both municipalities. If both municipalities have the same school board, you can only vote for your school trustee once in one municipality.