



Voter's Frequently Asked Questions

When is Voting Day?

Voting Day is October 22, 2018.

Advance voting days are September 29, October 6, 13 and 18, 2018

Why vote?

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

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

Voting for your School Board Trustee is also important. Trustees decide how best to meet the needs of students by administering building and maintenance of schools, hiring the teachers and staff needed to run them, and authorizing spending on educational programs and initiatives.

Who can vote?

You can vote in the Town of Georgina 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 Georgina, but you or your spouse rent property in the Town; and
- must not be 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. You must be on the Voters' List in order to cast your ballot.

How do I find out if I am on the voters' list?

To find out if you are on the voters' list, log into voterlookup.ca to confirm your information. By logging into voterlookup.ca, eligible electors can:

- confirm or update their electoral information
- add an elector name to an address; and
- change school support

Who cannot vote?

You are prohibited from voting on voting day if you are:

- serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution
- a corporation
- acting as executor or trustee or in another representative capacity, except as a voting proxy; or
- convicted of a corrupt practice described in section 90(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Who am I voting for?

As a Georgina resident, you are voting for Mayor, Regional Councillor, Ward Councillor, Regional chair and School Board Trustee.

- The Mayor, Regional Councillor and Regional Chair are elected at large by all electors
- The Councillors are elected by the eligible voters 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. There are four different kinds of school boards.

*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 Regional Chair, York District Catholic School board, Conseil scolaire Viamonde and Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir in the 2018 Municipal Election.

Visit [2018 Candidate Information](#) to see the list of Candidate information.

My Ward Councillor has been acclaimed. What does that mean? Do I still have to vote?

A Councillor is acclaimed to office when no other candidate registers to run against them in the municipal election. Yes, you may vote for the office of Mayor, Regional Councillor, Regional Chair and School Board Trustee (York Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde School Board Trustee and Conseil Scolaire Catholique Monavenir Trustee)

Where can I get information about the candidates?

You can contact the candidates individually, review the information that is contained on candidate’s websites/promotional material, watch the media for candidate information or attend candidate’s meetings. The Town of Georgina cannot provide information on candidate’s platforms, however, you can visit [2018 Candidate Information](#) to see the full list of Candidate’s, as well as their contact information.

What do I need to take with me to vote?

For the 2018 Municipal Election, voter notification cards will not be issued. All you need to bring with you is an acceptable identification (ID) showing your name and Georgina address.

Types of acceptable ID showing name showing name and Georgina address:



[Voter Identification](#)

Why do I have to show identification?

The province of Ontario requires eligible electors to provide proof of acceptable identification prior to receiving a ballot. It is important to ensure that the election is run fairly. By providing identification or swearing/affirming an oath you are helping to ensure only qualified electors vote (and that qualified electors only vote once).

How do I vote?

Bring a valid piece of identification showing your name and Georgina address to a voting location. Election officials will check your identification, mark your name off the voters’ list and issue you a ballot.

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 can ask any of the election officials for assistance. You may also bring a friend along with you 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 voters with the equal opportunity to participate in the electoral process. To ensure dignity, fairness, integration and a welcoming experience for all our electors, Voter Assist Terminals will be available at select voting locations. Assistive devices that will be available include: braille keyboards, sip-n-puff devices, rocker paddle devices, audio headphones and more. Please visit our [voting dates and locations](#) page to find out which locations will have assistive devices available.

How is my ballot counted?

After a ballot is marked by a voter, The Town of Georgina will be using Vote Count Tabulators, an apparatus that digitally scans a specified area on the ballots to read the votes and tabulate the results.

Where can I get results of the election?

Unofficial results will be located on the Town of Georgina's website and will also be projected in the Council Chambers on October 22, 2018.

Official results will be posted on the Town of Georgina's website on October 23, 2018.

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

Voters who are not available to vote on Voting Day can instead vote at the advance polls. Voters can also appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf. To appoint a voting proxy, you and the person you want to appoint as a proxy, must fill out two copies of the [Appointment for Voting Proxy Form 3](#).

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 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?

You are eligible to vote in the municipality where you live, as well as the municipality where you qualify as a non-resident elector. You can vote in both municipalities. If both municipalities are in the same school board, you can only vote for school trustee in one municipality. If both municipalities are in the same region, you can only vote for regional chair in one municipality.

I am a student living away from home, where do I vote?

If you are a student and consider your "home" to be the place where you live when you are not attending school, which means you plan on returning there, then you are eligible to vote in both your "home" municipality and in the municipality where you currently live while attending school. If you are a student attending school in another city, please check with the City Clerk of that municipality to find out what your voting options are.