



Form OS21A

**Declaration of Qualifications  
Council Candidates**

*Municipal Elections Act, 1996*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a candidate for the office of:

Mayor       Deputy Mayor       Councillor

**Do solemnly declare that:**

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and the *Municipal Act, 2001*, I am qualified to hold the office of:  
 Mayor       Deputy Mayor       Councillor
2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1, I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, a Canadian Citizen, a resident of the City of Owen Sound, or the owner or tenant of land in the City of Owen Sound, or the spouse of such owner or tenant.
3. I am not ineligible or disqualified under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, or any other Act, to be elected to or hold the above-mentioned office.
4. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 3,
  - a. I am not an employee of the City of Owen Sound, or if I am, I have taken an unpaid leave of absence as provided for by section 30 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
  - b. I am not a judge of any court.
  - c. I am not a member of the Assembly as provided in the *Legislative Assembly Act* or the Senate or House of Commons of Canada, or, if I am such a person, I will provide proof of my resignation to the Clerk prior to 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, August 21, 2026.
  - d. I am not a member of the Executive Council of Ontario or a federal Minister of the Crown.
  - e. I am not a Crown employee within the meaning of the *Public Service of Ontario Act, 2006* or if I am a Crown employee, I have followed and will continue to follow all relevant provisions of Part III of such Act.

5. I am not prohibited from voting at the municipal election under subsection 17(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, and
  - a. I am not a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
  - b. I am not a corporation.
  - c. I am not a person acting as executor or trustee or in any other representative capacity, except as a voting proxy in accordance with section 44 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
  - d. I am not a person who was convicted of a corrupt practice described in subsection 90(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, from voting in a municipal election.
6. I am not a candidate who was convicted of a corrupt practice under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or of an offence under the Criminal Code (Canada), in connection with an act or omission with respect to a municipal election during the last two regular elections prior to Monday, October 26, 2026 [subsection 91(1)].
7. I am not disqualified from being elected to or holding office by reason of any violations of the election campaign financial requirements or violations for not filing the financial statement pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, section 88.23.

AND I make this solemn declaration believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

Declared before me at the City of Owen Sound, in the County of Grey, this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Signature of Candidate

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Signature of Clerk or Commissioner

Personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and will be used for the nomination process for office in the municipal election and will be available for public inspection at Owen Sound City Hall until the next municipal election. Questions about this collection of personal information should be directed to Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk at [elections@owensound.ca](mailto:elections@owensound.ca) or 519-370-7350.