

# 2017 Municipal Election Registration of Potential Candidates

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# Candidate Registration

- Provincial legislation, which took effect on January 1, 2014, requires individuals who intend to run for a municipal election or by-election to register with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo before accepting any campaign contributions.

# Authority

- Section 147.21 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, requires individuals to file with the Municipality an “Application for Registration of Notice of Intent to Become a Candidate for Municipal Office” setting out:
  - a) the full name and address of the candidate;
  - b) the address where the records of the candidate are maintained and where any communications may be addressed;
  - c) names and addresses of financial institutions where campaign contributions will be deposited; and
  - d) names of signing authorities of all of the financial institutions listed.

# Notification of Change to Information

- When there is any change to the information provided, the registered candidate must notify the Municipality in writing within 48 hours after the change, and the Municipality will update the register of candidates accordingly.
- Notification must also be given if you change your intent to be nominated for an upcoming election.

# Candidate Self-funded Election Campaign

- The candidate registration legislation does not apply if the candidate's entire election campaign is funded exclusively out of the candidate's own funds, up to a maximum of \$10,000.
- The candidate registration form does include a section allowing a candidate to declare they are self-funded.
- Filing a "self-funded" registration would ensure that the candidate who intends to be nominated is not deemed to be in contravention of the legislation.

# Effect of Non-Compliance

- A candidate who does not comply with the requirements for filing the “Application for Registration of Notice of Intent to Become a Candidate for Municipal Office” is guilty of an offence under the *Local Authorities Election Act* (the Act) and liable to a fine of not more than \$1,000.
- Anyone who is guilty of an offence under the Act, would be ineligible to run as a candidate for any election under this Act (including for School Board trustees) for a period up to 10 years.

# Information

- The Provincially legislated Form 3A - “Application for Registration of Notice of Intent to Become a Candidate for Municipal Office” is available on municipal website: [www.rmwb.ca/elections](http://www.rmwb.ca/elections).
- In addition, there is a voluntary “Potential Candidate Contact Information Form” included so that potential candidates could be sent updates for the 2017 General Election and other relevant election information. Providing the contact information is voluntary and does not affect the application for registration.

Nomination Day – Monday, September 18, 2017  
Election Day – Monday, October 16, 2017

Municipal Election Information:

[www.rmwb.ca/elections](http://www.rmwb.ca/elections)

Government of Alberta Election Information:

[www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/mc\\_elections](http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/mc_elections)

Copies of Provincial Legislation, including the *Local Authorities Election Act* and the *Municipal Government Act*, are available at [www.qp.alberta.ca](http://www.qp.alberta.ca)



Thank you

Questions?

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