

Appointment of Scrutineer by Candidate

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

TAKE NOTICE that I, _____
(Name of Candidate)

a candidate for the office of _____
(office to which election is being sought)

hereby appoint _____ to represent me and attend:

- the activation of the Voatz Canada Ltd. Voting System (“0” count audit)
- at the receipt of the voting results
- at a recount (if such becomes necessary)

for the following Ward No.(s) _____ in the Township of Wellesley in respect of the Municipal Election to be held on Monday, October 26, 2026 under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Date

Signature of Candidate

CONDUCT OF SCRUTINEERS

- 1) Anyone who is creating a disturbance at the Election Help Centre or receipt of voting results will be removed as directed by the Clerk.
- 2) Before being admitted to the Election Help Centre or receipt of voting results, a person appointed as scrutineer shall produce and show his/her Form WEL29 to the Clerk for the Election Help Centre or receipt of voting results and take the “Oral Oath of Secrecy” Form WEL28 from the Clerk before being permitted to remain in the Election Help Centre or receipt of voting results. The Clerk shall require proof of identity and residence of the scrutineer, as prescribed in *O. Reg. 304/13*.
- 3) **Cell phones SHALL be turned off** upon entering the Election Help Centre or receipt of voting results and their use is prohibited while in the Election Help Centre or receipt of voting results.
- 4) The Clerk is responsible for conduct in the Election Help Centre or receipt of voting results and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Clerk in the discharge of his/her duties.
- 5) Scrutineers are prohibited from sitting at the table which is provided exclusively for the Election Officials.
- 6) Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the receipt of the voting results **MUST** be at the Election Help Centre prior to 8:00 p.m. No one will be admitted to the Election Help Centre after 8:00 p.m. Once admitted to the Election Help Centre, no one shall

be permitted to leave until the voting results have been received and the Vote Count Summary Report (supplied by the provider) has been signed by all in attendance.

- 7) The candidate or scrutineer shall not communicate the results to anyone until the Clerk has released the unofficial results to the general public.
- 8) The total of votes cast for each candidate as tabulated by the system is final. At this point, the Clerk is not required to do a recount/second count.

Rights of Scrutineers (includes Candidates, except Candidates elected by acclamation)

- to be present to verify and ensure that all totals of votes cast are at “0” and shall be required to sign the “Activation of Voatz Canada Ltd. Voting System” Form WEL26 that attests to this fact.
- to observe the receipt of the voting results at the Election Help Centre, but shall not interfere with the process
- to sign the Vote Count Summary Report (supplied by the provider)
- in the event of a recount, Section 61 of the *Act* prescribes the number of scrutineers entitled to be present and their rights

Scrutineers and Candidates are prohibited from the following:

- from attempting, directly or indirectly, to influence or interfere with how an elector votes
- attempting to campaign or persuade an elector to vote for a particular candidate
- displaying a candidate's election campaign material or literature in the Election Help Centre or on Municipal Property
- compromising the secrecy of the voting
- interfering or attempting to interfere with an elector who is voting
- obtaining or attempting to obtain, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted
- communicating any information obtained about how an elector intends to vote or has voted

Any person failing to abide by the above rights and prohibitions shall be directed to leave the Election Help Centre or receipt of the voting results.