

2026 Municipal Election Guide



Key Dates

Voting Period:

Oct 14 (10 am) → Oct 26 (8 pm)

Election Day:

October 26, 2026

Inaugural Council Meeting:

November 17, 2026 (11am)



Register To Vote

You can vote in Muskoka Lakes if you are a Canadian citizen & 18 years or older and one of the following:

- A resident of Muskoka Lakes
- A property owner or tenant (non-resident)
- The spouse of a property owner/tenant

To check, update or add yourself to the voters list, visit muskokalakes.ca/2026-elections and find '**Voter Lookup**' for steps to get started.



Know Your Ward

Muskoka Lakes is divided into **3 Wards**.

Your Ward determines who you vote for.

Find your Ward at muskokalakes.ca/2026-elections

VOTE



How To Vote

Internet and Telephone: The voting link and phone number can be found on your **Voter Information Letter**; mailed to electors after Sept. 30.

In-person: Available at the Township Office using designated computers during the voting period with staff available to assist. Flip this page for extended office hours.



Valid ID

Proof of identity AND qualifying address

- Driver's licence or Ontario Photo Card
- Lease, mortgage, or bank statement
- Government-issued documents

When and how can I vote?

Vote from October 14 at 10:00 a.m. to October 26 at 8:00 p.m. (EST) by **Internet or Telephone**. **In-person** voting computers and staff support will be available at the Township Office during the following days and times:

Voting Period and Election Help Centre Hours (1 Bailey St., Port Carling, ON)	
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 15, 2026	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday, October 16, 2026	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17, 2026	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19, 2026	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20, 2026	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 22, 2026	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday, October 23, 2026	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 2026	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26, 2026	8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The voting link and phone number will be available on your **Voter Information Letter**, mailed to electors after Sept. 30.

Am I eligible to vote in Muskoka Lakes?

See ‘Register To Vote’ on the other side of this page to confirm your eligibility. If the property is owned by a business or a trust, you would not qualify as a non-resident elector.

How can I confirm I’m on the voters list?

Visit muskokalakes.ca/2026-elections and select **Voter Lookup** (under the Voter Information section). This online tool allows you to check, update or add your information to the voters list in Muskoka Lakes.

To add or update your information, you must provide identification showing your name and qualifying address (for example a drivers license and tax bill). This process can only be done using the online Voter Lookup tool or in-person at the Township Office (1 Bailey St., Port Carling). We cannot add or change information over the phone or email.

For questions or to simply confirm you are on the voters list, please contact the Clerks Department at 705-765-3156, clerks@muskokalakes.ca or visit the Township Office at 1 Bailey St., Port Carling.

I can’t find my name in the register, has it been removed?

Your information has not been removed from the list. This is Elections Ontario’s first municipal list, and it was not built off MPAC’s 2022 list. As a result, being on the MPAC list in 2022 does not guarantee inclusion on Elections Ontario’s 2026 list. To register to vote, refer to the previous question and answer.

How can I check who’s running in my area?

Muskoka Lakes is divided into three wards. The candidates on your ballot will depend on the ward where you live/own property/spouse of property owner. Find your ward and the list of candidates at muskokalakes.ca/2026-elections or scan the QR code below.

How long is the next term?

The term of office for members of municipal council and school board trustees is four years. Candidates elected in the 2026 Municipal Election will serve from November 15, 2026, to November 14, 2030. The inaugural Council meeting will be held on November 17, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Port Carling Community Centre (3 Bailey St.).

How can I stay updated on Election News?

Visit muskokalakes.ca/subscribe and select ‘Election News’ to receive the latest updates directly to your email.

For all current Election News, visit muskokalakes.ca/news and select ‘Election News’ under All Categories.

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