



# 2022 Municipal Election October 24 Guide and Information for Voters

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## 1. Introduction

The next municipal election will be held on **October 24, 2022**.

Every four years, the City of Cambridge conducts elections for the offices of:

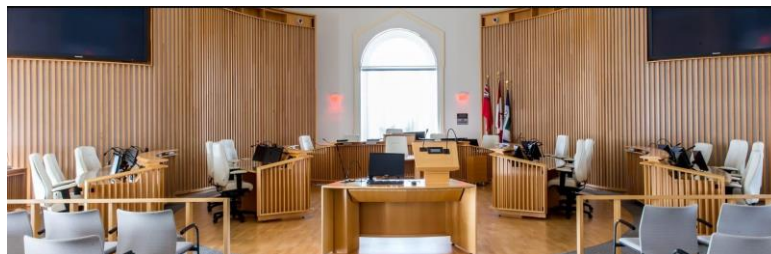
- Mayor
- Ward Councillor (8 Councillors)
- Regional Chair
- Regional Councillor (2 Regional Councillors)

School Trustee for:

- Waterloo Region District School Board (3 Trustees)
- Waterloo Catholic District School Board (3 Trustees)
- Conseil scolaire Viamonde (1 Trustee)
- Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir (1 Trustee)

The City is comprised of 8 wards, represented by Ward Councillors, plus the Mayor who is elected at-large. The Mayor represents the City of Cambridge on Regional Council, and local voters also elect 2 Regional Councillors at-large.

For the 2022 municipal election, eligible voters will be able to vote at any of the four designated polling sites in their wards on Election Day (October 24, 2022) or online (12:00 a.m. on October 1 until 11:59 p.m. on October 17, 2022). In addition, there will be advanced curb-side voting in the month of October. More information about the dates and locations will be provided later.



## 2. Can I vote?

### You can vote if:

- you are a resident of the City of Cambridge or you are the owner or tenant of land here or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- you are a Canadian citizen;
- you are at least 18 years old; and
- you are not legally prohibited from voting

## 3. Before Election Day

### **Make sure you're on the voters' list**

To ensure you are registered to vote, visit: [www.voterlookup.ca](http://www.voterlookup.ca).

Eligible voters can update their information like address, change their school support, or add their names to the voters' list from the webpage.

### **Watch for your voter information card**

Prior to the election, you will be sent a voter information card in the mail.

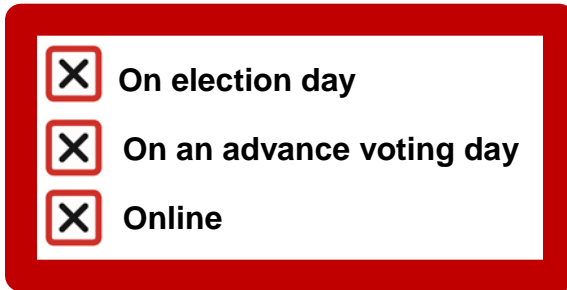
The card tells you:

- ways to vote (advance polls, election day and the internet)
- where your polling place is located
- when to vote

Remember to bring this card to the polling place with you if you choose to vote in-person.

If you don't receive a card, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 519-623-1340 or by email at [election@cambridge.ca](mailto:election@cambridge.ca).

## 4. What are the ways to vote?



### On election day

- Your polling place will be listed on your voter information card
- Polls are open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

#### **Getting to the voting location**

- You will find accessible parking spaces at each voting location clearly marked with the International Symbol of Access
- You will also find that each voting location is also located on or near a bus route for easy use of public transportation

#### **Getting into the voting location**

- An easily navigable route will be clearly marked for entry into the voting location and into the voting area within the location
- Appropriate signage will be displayed
- Voting locations have been scouted using accessibility criteria

#### **Inside the voting location**

- Seating areas are provided throughout the voting location
- If you are bringing a support person to help you, please identify him/her to the election staff when you register. Your support person may be required to take an oath in order to assist you to vote in a secure manner
- If you are bringing a service animal with you, please remember to bring documentation to confirm its service animal status, if this is not readily apparent. Documentation can be a letter signed by a regulated health professional.

## **On an advance voting day**

Curbside advanced voting to take place in the month of October, 2022. More information to be provided later.

**Accessible voting devices** will be available on Election Day at Cambridge City Hall, Bowman Room. Accessible voting options are outlined in Section 8 of this guide.

## **Online**

- Online voting will be open from October 1, 2022, at 12:00 a.m. until October 17, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.
- Register at the website provided on your voter information card and follow the instructions provided on the card.
- Log in to the website to cast your vote

## **5. What ID should I take with me?**

**To vote, you need to prove your identity and address:**

- **Show one piece of identification with your photo, name and address.** For example, your driver's licence, your Ontario Photo Health Card or your Ontario Photo ID card.

OR

- **Show two pieces of identification.** Both pieces must have your name, and one must also have your address.

Check out our election website for a list of [identity and residence qualifying documents](#).

## **6. What happens when I go to vote?**

1. Show your proof of identity and address at the poll.
2. The election worker will give you a secrecy folder containing your ballot.
3. Proceed to the voting booth, mark your ballot, place your ballot back in the secrecy folder and proceed to the vote tabulator.

4. Election staff will insert your ballot in the vote tabulator.



### **✘ What happens to your vote when you vote in-person?**

- The vote tabulator keeps a running total of votes cast
- This total is maintained on the memory data card stored in the vote tabulator
- Upon close of voting, the memory data card will be transferred to a central database. The voting results will then be combined and tabulated to produce the final results for the election for each office

### **✘ What happens to your vote when you vote online?**

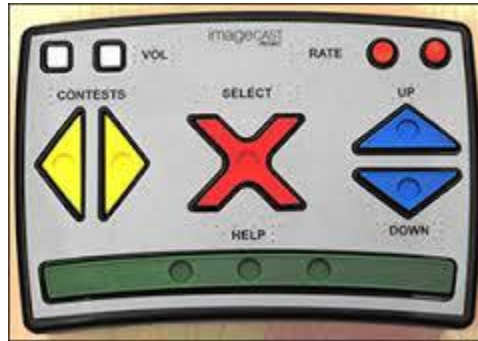
- At the end of the voting period, the company overseeing the online voting – Dominion Voting—will tally the votes and provide the results to the municipality, which will be combined with the ballot tally on Election Day

## **7. Special Voting Places**

The City of Cambridge has made arrangements to hold early and special hours of voting for a number of retirement homes, long-term care homes and the hospital.

Contact us for more information at 519-623-1340 or by email at [election@cambridge.ca](mailto:election@cambridge.ca).

## 8. Accessible Voting Options



The City of Cambridge provides voting tools and services to make voting accessible.

### 1. Paddles

This system involves electronic ballot cards that are inserted into counting machines. The list of candidates and the question on the ballot will be indicated on the screen and voters press on paddles to indicate their choice to vote.

### 2. Thumb-switch / Joystick Method

This system involves electronic ballot cards that are inserted into counting machines. The list of candidates and the question on the ballot is read out in the audio device and allows ease of use for voters with visual disabilities.

### 3. Sip-and-Puff

This system involves electronic ballot cards that are inserted into counting machines. The list of candidates and the question on the ballot is indicated on the screen and voters sip or puff on a tube device to indicate their choice to vote.

### 4. Proxy Voting

If you are unable to vote in person or online, you may appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf. The form to appoint a proxy will be available at the Clerk's office after August 22, 2022.



## 9. Voter Checklist

- Make sure you're on the voters' list by visiting [www.voterlookup.ca](http://www.voterlookup.ca)
- Check the list of the candidates running in the 2022 municipal election
- Watch for your voter information card in the mail
- Choose how you plan to vote
- Check that you have the right ID
- Mark your calendar with the key dates

## 10. Contact Information

For more information about the 2022 municipal election, please contact the City Clerk's Office as follows:

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Email: [election@cambridge.ca](mailto:election@cambridge.ca)

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