## **Municipal election**

## Everything you need to know about voting

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The text in this document has been simplified.

It explains how to vote.

#### If you have any questions about the election,

please contact your returning officer. This person organizes the election in your municipality.



# There is an election in your municipality!

You will be voting for one of the candidates running for each available seat on the municipal council.



### Where and when do I vote?

You can vote in the advance poll or on polling day. Your municipality's **public notice of election** lists the days, times and locations where you can vote. Contact your returning officer for more information.



You may also be able to vote by mail. Contact your returning officer to learn about the conditions.

#### How do I vote?

Here are the six steps to follow.



**Go** to your indicated table



**Say** your name and address, and **show** a piece of identification



**Receive** your ballot paper(s)



Make a mark in a circle on each ballot





**Detach** the stub from each ballot by following the dotted line 6

**Place** your ballot paper(s) in the box

### Why vote?

#### This small gesture is very important!

 You are expressing your opinion on issues that matter to you and on decisions that affect your lives.

Municipalities manage many venues: parks, outdoor rinks, arenas, public pools, bus shelters, community centres, recreational centres, libraries, etc.

- You are choosing the person who will defend your interests and voice your concerns.
- You are keeping democracy alive.



#### To vote, you must:

- 1. Be entered on the list of electors
- 2. Be at least 18 years of age on election day
- 3. Be a Canadian citizen
- 4. Live in the municipality
- 5. Have lived in Québec for at least six months
- 6. Not have lost your election rights

If you do not live in the municipality, but are an owner or co-owner of a building, or are a co-occupant of a business establishment, you may have the right to vote. Contact your returning officer to verify.

## Confirm if you are entered on the list of electors

 Check the notice you received in the mail (or that you will receive soon).

#### The notice contains

the name of electors entered on the list of electors who reside at this address.



• If your name is not on it or is misspelled, go to the location indicated on your notice.



**In this case, bring two identification documents.** Together, they must show your **name**, **date of birth** and **address**.

• If you have not received your notice, contact your returning officer.

## Accessibility of polling places

#### Before election day,

**all advance polling places are accessible** to mobility impaired persons.

# **On election day**, most places where you can vote are accessible

to mobility impaired persons.



#### Before you go vote,

contact your returning officer to confirm if your polling place is accessible. If it is not, ask them where you can vote.



An accessibility kit will be available in many polling places. It contains tools that can help you vote.

Ask for it if you need it!



## **Accepted identification documents**



• Québec driver's licence



Québec health insurance card



Canadian passport



• Certificate of Indian Status



Canadian Forces identification card

Your returning officer will announce the **election results** as soon as possible on the municipality's website or on Élections Québec's website. 

# Do you have questions about political contributions?

Visit the Élections Québec website at <u>www.electionsquebec.qc.ca</u>.

You can also call Élections Québec at **1 888 ELECTION (1 888 353-2846)**.

