

## VILLAGE OF VILNA 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Village of Vilna next Municipal Election will take place on October 20, 2025.

Elections will be held for three (3) Councillor positions. The Chief Elected Official (otherwise known as the Mayor) is elected from amongst its members at the annual Organizational Meeting every October. For complete information on Municipal Elections, go to <u>alberta.ca/municipal-elections</u>

### **Important Dates**

# Campaign Period

|                  | Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act in effect. The<br>campaign period for 2025 Election begins.   |
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| October 31, 2024 | Candidates may submit their Notice of Intent to Run.   |
|                  | Prospective candidates can submit their notice of intent from<br>now until September 22, 2025. Candidates may raise funds<br>for their election campaigns during the campaign period,<br>after they submit a notice of intent and appear on the<br>Registry of Candidates. |

#### Nomination Period

| January 1 -<br>September 22,<br>2025 | To become a nominated candidate and appear on the<br>ballot, a candidate must complete the nomination process<br>and file all necessary forms (Local Authorities Election Forms<br>Regulation) and paperwork during the |
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|                                      | Nomination Period from January 1 to September 22, 2025.   |

### Nomination Day

September 22, 2025 All required nomination forms and paperwork must be submitted to the Village of Vilna by 12:00 PM (Noon) on Monday, September 22, 2025. Our address for filing forms is 5135 – 50 Street, Vilna.

#### Election Day

October 20, 2025 Unofficial results will be released as they become available after the voting stations close.

The information on this page is subject to change and/or additional information may be posted as it becomes available. Please consult the <u>Local Authorities Election Act</u> (LAEA) and the <u>Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024</u>, as a comprehensive guide to the election and the changes within. It is the candidate's responsibility to read and understand any election-related material. It is recommended to consult relevant statutes, regulations and bylaw(s), or obtain legal advice for clarification.

# Notice of Intent To Run

The Notice of Intent to Run process is **new** for the 2025 municipal election and **differs** from the Nomination process. Prospective candidates must file the Notice of Intent to Run form before accepting campaign contributions or incurring campaign expenses. Once the Returning Officer receives the completed form, the candidate's name will be added to the Register of Candidates.

All Candidates must submit a <u>NOTICE OF INTENT</u> TO RUN. Nomination forms cannot be submitted without a Notice of Intent to Run. See the <u>Local Authorities Election Forms</u> <u>Regulation</u> for all relevant forms. Forms are also available and listed <u>here</u>.

## Notice of Intent to Run Form

Please note that submitting a Notice of Intent to Run does not replace the nomination process, which begins on January 1, 2025, nor does it mean a candidate is officially nominated.

A deposit is <u>not</u> required when filing a Notice of Intent to Run.

Candidates must follow the election finance rules set out in Part 5.1 of the Local Authorities Election Act and the Expense Limits Regulation. <u>Changes to the Local</u> <u>Authorities Election Act (LAEA) 2024 Campaign Financing.</u>

Should there be any changes to the information provided in the Notice of Intent to Run, the candidate must notify the Returning Officer within 48 hours.

Candidates must follow the election finance rules set out in Part 5.1 of the Local Authorities Election Act and the Expense Limits Regulation.

# **Register of Candidates**

A Registry of Candidates will be retained at the Village of Vilna Office when a Notice of Intent to Run is received.

Village of Vilna is required by the <u>Local Authorities Election Act</u> to maintain a register listing all individuals who have filed a Notice of Intent to Run in the upcoming general election. The register will be publicly available at the Village Office.

# **Eligibility to Run for Office**

The Local Authorities Election Act states:

- 1. A person may be nominated as a candidate in any election under this Act if on nomination day the person
  - (a) is eligible to vote in that election, is at least 18 years of age, is a Canadian citizen,
  - (b) has been a resident of the local jurisdiction and the division for the six (6) consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day, and
  - (c) is not otherwise ineligible or is disqualified under the *Local Authorities Election Act*

# Nomination Information

Nominations for Councillors will be accepted by the Returning Officer from Thursday, January 2, 2025 (as Wednesday, January 1, 2025 is a statutory holiday), until 12:00 PM (MST) on Monday, September 22, 2025 at the Vilna Village Office at 5135 – 50 Street, Vilna, Alberta. PLEASE NOTE THE VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY TO THURSDAY FROM 9AM TO 4PM.