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Voting Basics Canadian Federal Election September 2021

Step 1 Register to Vote

If you have a voter's card in the mail, you should be registered to vote.

If you do not have a voter's, you need to register to vote before or on the day of the election.

Direction on how to register can be obtained from Elections Canada (www.elections.ca) or:

Local Elections Canada Office for the Sarnia – Lambton Electoral District (See map below)

1430 Quinn Drive, Suite 3
Sarnia, Ontario N7S 6M8

Toll-free phone : 1 866 281-4745

Toll-free fax : 1 888 702-2313

Returning officer : Paul Rennie
Hours of operation

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Local Elections Canada Office for the Sarnia – Lambton Kent Middlesex (See map below)

Main Office:

The Shops on Sydenham
51 Front Street East
Strathroy, Ontario N7G 1Y5

Toll-free phone : 1 866 241-7890

Toll-free fax : 1 888 420-7131

Returning officer : Terrie Jeldine Core
Hours of operation

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Additional office in Wallaceburg:

County Fair Mall
A-60 McNaughton Avenue, Suite NQ4-A
Wallaceburg, Ontario N8A 1R9

Toll-free phone : 1 866 825-9557

Toll-free fax : 1 866 211-4450

Additional assistant returning officer : Karen Sanchuk
Hours of operation

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Step 2 Read about Policies of the Political Parties

Think about what issues are important to you like funding for mental health services in the community and the hospital, subsidized housing, employment and retraining programs, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Check to see what each of the parties are saying about these and other issues by checking on the internet, reading the newspapers, reviewing the literature dropped off at your home and/or attending all candidates' meetings. Always read the information with a critical eye focusing on:

Currency

- How recent is the information?
- How recently has the website been updated?
- Is it current enough for your topic?

Reliability

- What kind of information is included in the resource?
- Is content of the resource primarily opinion or does it present balanced viewpoints?
- Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?

Authority

- Who is the creator or author?
- What are their credentials? Can you find any information about the author's background?
- Who is the publisher or sponsor? Are they reputable?
- What is the publisher's interest (if any) in this information?
- Are there advertisements on the website? If so, are they clearly marked?

Purpose / Point of View

- Is this fact or opinion? Does the author list sources or cite references?
- Is it biased? Does the author seem to be trying to push an agenda or particular side? Is the author or publisher right or left leaning in their political orientation?
- Is the author trying to sell you something? If so, is it clearly stated?

Websites for the major political parties:

New Democratic Party (NDP): <https://www.ndp.ca/>

Liberal Party of Canada: <https://liberal.ca>

Conservative Party of Canada: <https://www.conservative.ca/>

Green Party of Canada: <https://www.greenparty.ca>

Step 3 Vote at the Elections Canada Office/By Mail/Advanced Polls or on September 20 2021

a) At Election Canada Office:

You can vote in person at your Elections Canada office, any time before 6:00 p.m. (local time) on September 14. Your office is located at the addresses listed under Step 1.

b) by Mail:

You can vote by mail if you apply no later than 6:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on September 14. There is an application form found here:

<https://www.elections.ca/content2.aspx?section=vote&dir=app&document=index&lang=e>

c) At Advanced Polls:

You can vote at your advance polling place on September 10, 11, 12 and 13.

The address of your polling place will be on the voter information card that you will receive in the mail or you can call your Elections Canada office for your riding.

Identification requirements!

You are required to have identification and proof of address when you vote “live” at the Elections Canada office, the advanced polls or on September 20 2021.

There are three options to prove your identity and address:

1) Show one of these pieces of ID

- your driver's licence
- any other card issued by a Canadian government (federal, provincial/territorial or local) with your photo, name and current address

OR

2) Show two pieces of ID

Both must have your name and at least one must have your current address.

- Acceptable pieces:

From a government or government agency

- band membership card
- birth certificate
- Canadian citizenship card or certificate
- Canadian Forces identity card
- Canadian passport (accepted only as proof of identity)
- card issued by an Inuit local authority
- firearms licence
- government cheque or cheque stub
- government statement of benefits
- health card
- income tax assessment
- Indian status card or temporary confirmation of registration
- library card
- licence or card issued for fishing, trapping or hunting
- liquor identity card
- Métis card
- old age security card
- parolee card
- property tax assessment or evaluation
- public transportation card
- social insurance number card
- vehicle ownership
- Veterans Affairs health care identification card

From Elections Canada

- targeted revision form to residents of long-term care facilities
- voter information card

From an educational institution

- correspondence issued by a school, college or university
- student identity card

From a health care facility or organization

- blood donor card

- CNIB card
- hospital card
- label on a prescription container
- identity bracelet issued by a hospital or long-term care facility
- medical clinic card

From a financial institution

- bank statement
- credit card
- credit card statement
- credit union statement
- debit card
- insurance certificate, policy or statement
- mortgage contract or statement
- pension plan statement
- personal cheque

From a private organization

- employee card
- residential lease or sub-lease
- utility bill (e.g.: electricity; water; telecommunications services, including telephone, cable or satellite)

Letters of confirmation

- letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee
- [letter of confirmation of residence](#) from a First Nations band or reserve or an Inuit local authority
- [letter of confirmation of residence](#), letter of stay, admission form, or statement of benefits from one of the following designated establishments:
 - student residence
 - seniors' residence
 - long-term care facility
 - shelter
 - soup kitchen
 - a community-based residential facility

OR

3) If you don't have ID

You can still vote if you declare your identity and address in writing and have someone who knows you and who is assigned to your polling station vouch for you.

The voucher must be able to prove their identity and address. A person can vouch for only one person (except in long-term care facilities).

Step 4 VOTE !

Most of the political parties will provide you a ride to the polls and they can be contacted via their websites listed above.

If you have **special accommodation needs**, please contact your Elections Canada office (see above) for information on how they can be provided. These include physical, mental health and literacy accommodations.



