

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Check here if appointment applies to all Voting Places within the Municipality, or a particular Ward as indicated below.

Check here if appointment applies to all Voting Subdivisions in a specific Voting Place or specific Voting Subdivisions as listed below.

TAKE NOTICE that I, _____ a candidate for the office of _____
(Name of Candidate) (office to which election is being sought)

hereby appoint _____ to attend at the Voting Place(s) for

Voting Subdivision No.(s) _____ **Ward No.(s)** _____

in the Municipality of _____ to represent me in such Voting Place(s) on

- Advance Voting Day – Saturday, October 13, 2018;
- Voting Day – Monday, October 22, 2018;
- the activation of the Dominion Voting System (“0” count audit);
- and at the counting of votes under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Date

Signature of Candidate

CONDUCT OF SCRUTINEERS

- 1) ANYONE who is creating a disturbance at a Voting Place or Counting Location will be removed as directed by the Returning Officer (RO) or his/her designate.
- 2) Before being admitted to a Voting Place or Counting Location, a person appointed as scrutineer shall produce and show his/her Appointment (Form EL12A) to the Deputy Returning Officer for the Voting Place and take the oral Oath of Secrecy (Form EL12B) from the Deputy Returning Officer before being permitted to remain in the Voting Place or Counting Location. The Clerk shall require proof of identity and residence of the scrutineer, as prescribed in *O.Reg. 304/13*.
- 3) Once a candidate or scrutineer enters the Counting Location they shall remain until the count is complete and/or the DRO authorizes them to leave the Counting Location.
- 4) The candidate or scrutineer shall not communicate the results to anyone until the Clerk has released the unofficial results to the general public.
- 5) **Cell phones SHALL be turned off** upon entering the voting place and their use is prohibited while in the Voting Place and counting location.
- 6) The Deputy Returning Officer is responsible for the conduct of the Voting Place or Counting Location

and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Deputy Returning Officer in the discharge of his/her duties.

- 7) Scrutineers are prohibited from sitting at the table which is provided exclusively for the Deputy Returning Officer and Election Officials.
- 8) Scrutineers/candidates may examine the Voters' List periodically to determine who has voted or to count how many Electors have voted. However, this periodic examination should not slow down the voting process.
- 9) Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the count MUST be at the Voting Place or Counting Location prior to 8:00 p.m. No one will be admitted to the Voting Place or Counting Location after 8:00 p.m.
- 10) The total of votes cast for each candidate as counted by the Deputy Returning Officer and Election Staff is final. At this point they are not required to do a recount/second count.

Rights of Scrutineers (includes Candidates, except Candidates elected by acclamation)

- to be present when materials and documents related to the election are delivered to the Clerk
- to enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens and to inspect the ballot boxes and the ballots and all other election documents but not so as to delay the timely opening of the Voting Place
- to place a seal on a ballot box before the opening of the Voting Place so that ballots can be deposited in the box and cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal
- to place a seal on a ballot box at the conclusion of voting on each day of an Advanced Vote so that the ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal
- to examine each ballot as votes are counted, but shall not interfere with the counting process and shall not touch the ballot
- object to a ballot, or to the counting of some or all votes in a ballot, on the grounds that the ballot or votes do not comply with the prescribed rules. The DRO alone shall decide all objections.
- to sign the statement of the results prepared by the DRO
- to place a seal on the ballot box after the counting of the votes when the DRO seals the box that the ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal
- in the event of a recount, Section 61 of the *Act* prescribes the number of scrutineers entitled to be present and their rights respecting the examination and dispute of ballots

Scrutineers and Candidates are prohibited from the following:

- from attempting, directly or indirectly, to influence or interfere with how an elector votes
- attempting to campaign or persuade an elector to vote for a particular candidate
- displaying a candidate's election campaign material or literature in a Voting Place, which includes any place in the immediate vicinity of the Voting Place designated by the Clerk
- compromising the secrecy of the voting
- interfering or attempting to interfere with an elector who is marking a ballot
- obtaining or attempting to obtain, in a Voting Place, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted
- communicating any information obtained about how an elector intends to vote or has voted

Any person failing to abide by the above rights and prohibitions shall be directed to leave the Voting Place or Counting Location.