



NEW ONLINE CANDIDATE PORTAL AND VOTERS' LIST ACCESS

We are pleased to announce that all candidates for the City of Brantford's 2026 Municipal Election will now access the Voters' List via an online portal called **Candidate Access**. All of the Voters' List data will be available through this portal, as we believe that this portal offers several features that will enhance campaigning that would not be possible with a traditional paper Voters' List.

This portal will be accessible through the e-mail address you provide on your Nomination form (Form 1).

Candidate Access will allow you to:

- Download a new extract of the Voters' List every 30 minutes. This means candidates will have access to live updates to the list, instead of having to wait for the City Clerk's department to generate a new physical copy of the list.
- Print copies of these extracts at your leisure. Instead of the two copies normally provided by the City Clerk (one initial copy, and a second updated copy at a later date), you can now create copies as often as required.
- Search for a specific elector. Instead of visually scanning the list to find an elector who, for example, asked you to reach out to them regarding a specific issue, you will now be able to search them by name.
- Check if an elector has voted. After an elector has voted, their status will be recorded as "Voted". This will not reveal the results of their vote, but could help you keep track of your outreach, as well as electors who perhaps have not yet made a decision.

Please note that there will be no increase or decrease in the information available through this portal, in comparison to past elections. Candidates will only have access to the data for electors eligible to vote for them. For example, a candidate for Ward 1 will only have access to Ward 1 elector data; a candidate for Mayor will have access to data for all electors in the City of Brantford; and a candidate for the Grand Erie District School Board will only have access to data for electors with English Public school support. Access to this portal will be terminated at 8:00pm on Monday, October 26th, 2026 (Election Day).

In an effort to be environmentally conscious, as well as to encourage the use of this portal, we will only provide a printed copy of the Voters' List by request. You will only receive two copies as in the past (the preliminary list and the update). You can request one from the City Clerk's office using the 2026 Candidate Request Form. This form was included in your Nomination Package, and is also available under the "Nomination Information" tab on the City of Brantford Election webpage. Normal processing time will apply (2-3 days).

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM (FORM EL 14 – PROPER USE OF THE VOTERS' LIST) WITH THE OTHER REQUIRED NOMINATION FORMS.



CANDIDATE’S DECLARATION – PROPER USE OF VOTERS’ LIST

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.23(4)(5))

I, _____, being a candidate for the office of

_____, hereby request the Clerk to provide me with the following when it becomes available:

- Access to the Candidate Access portal, which will host the Voters’ List, all updates and associated features. This access will be provided through the e-mail address the candidate provides on their Nomination form (Form 1).

All Voters List information will be available through this online portal in a digital format for ease of use, as well as in an effort to be environmentally conscious. A paper list can only be acquired by submitting a 2026 Candidate Request Form and allowing the normal processing time.

I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to use the Voters’ List (Candidate Access portal and printed copies) for election purposes only and I understand that I am prohibited by the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 from using the Voters’ List (Candidate Access portal and printed copies) for commercial purposes. I understand I will only have access to data of electors eligible to vote in my electoral race, and this access will be terminated at 8:00pm on Monday, October 26th, 2026.

Signature

Date

Name: _____
(please print)