



APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE (EL-12 A)
Municipal Elections Act, 1996

TAKE NOTICE that I, _____, a candidate for the office of _____ hereby appoint _____ to attend at _____

the Voting Place(s) for Voting Subdivision No.(s) (polling location)_____

Ward No.(s). _____ In the City of Brantford to represent me in such Voting Place(s) on October 15 – 18th and/or October 26, 2026 and at the counting of votes under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, Section 16.

Date

Signature of Candidate

Instructions to Scrutineer

- Scrutineers arriving at a voting place must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take an oath of secrecy.
• Candidates arriving at a voting place must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take an oath of secrecy. A candidate who enters a voting place is considered to be a scrutineer.
• Only one scrutineer per candidate may be at each ballot box.

Rights and Prohibitions

Scrutineers and candidates can:

- Enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens and inspect the ballot boxes, the ballots and all other papers, forms and documents relating to the vote (but not so as to delay the timely opening of the voting place).
• Place his or her own seal on the ballot box, immediately before the opening of the voting place, so that ballots can be deposited in the box and cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal.
• Sign the statement of the results of the election prepared by the deputy returning officer.
• Place his or her own seal on the ballot box immediately after the close of voting on each day of an advance vote, so that ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal
• Examine the Voters' List periodically to determine who has voted or to count how many Electors have voted but may not interfere with the conduct of the voting process.

Scrutineers and candidates cannot:

- Be near enough to the vote tabulator to see how a voter has marked their ballot.
- Campaign at the voting place.
- Attempt, directly or indirectly, to interfere with how an elector votes
- Display a candidate's election material (including buttons, pins, etc.) in a voting place.
- Compromise the secrecy of voting.
- Obtain or attempt to obtain, in a voting place, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Communicate any information obtained at a voting place about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Park a vehicle displaying campaign material in the parking lot of the Voting Place.

Note:

- It is no longer mandatory that scrutineers be 16 years of age or older to work at an election.
- The Poll Supervisor is responsible for the conduct of the Voting Place and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Poll Supervisor in the discharge of his or her duties.
- Anyone who is creating a disturbance at a Voting Place will be removed by the Poll Supervisor.
- The seal(s) must not contain any writing that could be considered "election campaigning", therefore, the name of the candidate is not permitted on the seal;
- Scrutineers/candidates who wish to have a discussion with another candidate or scrutineer must leave the Voting Place to carry on their discussion outside of the Voting Place.
- No campaign material or literature of any nature whatsoever shall be displayed within the Voting Place. The boundaries of the Voting Place are the boundaries of the property where the Voting Place is located and includes the parking lot.
- The total of votes cast for each candidate as counted by the vote tabulating equipment is final. The Poll Supervisor is not required to do a second recount.
- Please refer to City of Brantford Scrutineer Guide for full details