

# 2026 Municipal Election

Hilton Township is governed by one Reeve and four (4) Councilor's. Serving as Reeve or Councillor is a rewarding opportunity to give back to your community. As a member of Council, you will:

- Attend regular and special Council and Committee meetings
- Review reports and recommendations from staff and external agencies
- Participate in Council decision-making on municipal services, budgeting, policies, and by-laws
- Represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality

Prospective candidates are encouraged to carefully consider the roles and responsibilities of Council, as well as the time commitment involved.

Municipal government plays an important role in shaping everyday life in Hilton Township – from roads and infrastructure to planning and community services. Strong local leadership begins with individuals who care about their community and want to make a difference.

If you stay informed, share ideas, volunteer, or look for ways to improve your community, you may already have the qualities of a municipal leader.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario's ***If You Believe, They Believe*** campaign encourages residents to explore what it means to run for local office. It provides helpful information and resources for those considering becoming a candidate in the 2026 Municipal Election.

If you have ever thought about becoming more involved in your community, visit [whenyoubelieve.ca](http://whenyoubelieve.ca) to learn more and see if local government is right for you.



Date	Activity
May 1, 2026	Candidate nomination registrations open
June 2, 2026 – 7pm Old Town Hall Richards Landing	In-person candidate information session
Aug. 21, 2026 - 2pm	Nomination period closes
Aug. 24, 2026 - 4pm	Certification of nominations
Oct. 26, 2026 10am to 8pm	Election Day
Nov. 14	Current term of Council ends (2022 – 2026)
Nov. 15	New term of Council begins (2026 – 2030)

## Nomination Process

Candidates for Council must meet the same eligibility requirements as voters. You must be:

- A resident of Hilton Township, or an owner or tenant of land in the Township, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant;
- A Canadian citizen;
- At least 18 years of age; and
- Not prohibited from voting by law.

Nomination forms are available on the Township website or at the Township Office. Completed forms must be filed in person at the municipal office with the CAO/Clerk-Treasure. A nomination fee of \$100 for Councillor or \$200 for Head of Council must be paid by cash or certified cheque at the time of filing.

Upon filing a nomination, candidates will receive a Candidate Package.

Candidates seeking nomination for the English Public School Board Trustee position may schedule an appointment with the Clerk at Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional Township, located at 208 Church Street, Echo Bay. Contact Lacey by email at [laceyk@ontera.net](mailto:laceyk@ontera.net) or phone at 705-248-2441.