

# Important Dates for 2018 Municipal Election

Please note the important dates listed below leading up to and in preparation for the 2018 Municipal Election:

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018** (formerly the 1st business day in January in the year of the election)

- First day for candidates to file a nomination paper for the Office of Mayor, Councillor or School Board Trustee
- First day for an individual or entity to file a notice of registration and advertise as a third party advertiser
- Campaign period begins once a nomination paper or notice of registration is filed

**Friday, July 27, 2018** (formerly nominations closed the 2nd Friday in September)

- Last day for a candidate to file a nomination from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Nominations or withdrawal cannot be accepted after 2 p.m.

**Monday, October 22, 2018**

- Voting Day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Last day for third party advertising period

## **Third Party Advertisers**

- Individuals, corporations and unions can register as third party advertisers and can also make contributions to third party advertisers.
- Third party advertisers will need to register with the Clerk's Office and complete registration papers (available in May 2018). If they want to advertise in more than one municipality, they have to register in each municipality.
- Registration allows a third party advertiser to promote or oppose any candidate that the electors in the Town of Laurentian Hills can vote for (local council or school board trustee positions).
- Posters, signs, publications, etc., promoting or opposing candidates are 'third party advertisements'.
- Third party advertising must be done independently of candidates, who are not able to direct a third party advertiser. Candidates are not able to register as third party advertisers.
- Registration for third party advertisers will open on **Tuesday, May 1, 2018** and close on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

# KEY DATES

## **Nomination Period**

- Tuesday May 1, 2018 - Friday July 27, 2018
- Candidates can file a nomination paper and submit the signatures of 25 voters supporting the nomination at the City Clerk's Office at anytime during normal business hours until Nomination Day (Friday July 27, 2018) at 2:00 p.m.
  
- **Nomination Day**
- Friday July 27, 2018 (9:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m.)
- Last day for candidates to file a nomination paper at the City Clerk's Office. Nominations closed at 2:00p.m. This is also the deadline for withdrawal.
  
- **Registration Period for Third Party Advertisers**
- Tuesday May 1, 2018 - Friday October 19, 2018
- Third party advertisers can file registration papers at the City Clerk's Office at anytime during normal business hours until Friday October 19, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
  
- **Campaign Period**
- Tuesday May 1, 2018 - Monday December 31, 2018
- The Campaign Period starts when a candidate/third party files a nomination/registration paper and ends on Monday December 31, 2018.
  
- **Campaign Finances**
- Tuesday September 25, 2018
- Final Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses available for candidates.
  
- **Voting Day**
- Monday October 22, 2018
- **Financial Statements**
- Friday March 29, 2019