



VOTE IN RAINY RIVER!

Advance Poll: Oct 17th Rainy River Recreation Centre 12pm-5pm

Regular Poll: Oct 26th Rainy River Seniors Depot 10am-8pm

Who Can Vote in Ontario's 2026 Municipal Election?

Under section 17 of the MEA, a person must meet the following requirements on voting day to vote in a municipal election:

- be a Canadian citizen
- be at least 18 years old
- be either a resident of the municipality or a non-resident elector

A non-resident elector is a person who is the owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant.

Several practical consequences follow that generate questions every election:

- **Property in two municipalities.** A person who owns property in two different municipalities can vote once in each municipality where they qualify. They can vote only once per municipality, and only in the ward where they live (or, for non-resident owners, the ward where the property is located).
- **Seasonal residents.** People who live in one municipality and cottage in another may qualify in both, if they own property or qualify as tenants in both.
- **Students.** Students living away from home may choose to vote both in the municipality where they live while attending school and in the municipality they consider home.
- **Tenants.** Tenants vote where they rent. The tenant, not the landlord, is the resident elector.

- **Corporations and trusts.** Corporations and trusts cannot vote. Only individuals qualify.

The Voters' List

The voters' list is prepared under the MEA from the preliminary list of electors. For the 2026 election, the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario provides this preliminary list to each clerk from the permanent register of electors. The list became a public document on September 1, 2026.

Electors whose names are missing, or whose information is wrong, can be added or corrected right up to and including voting day.

Identification and Proxy Voting

Voters do not need photo identification. One piece of ID showing name and address is sufficient.

A voter who cannot attend a voting place may appoint a voting proxy under section 44 of the MEA, using the prescribed form. Forms are available online, at the municipal office, and at the polling stations.

Campaigning at Voting Places

Campaigning is restricted at voting places. Section 48 of the MEA prohibits two things while an elector is in a voting place:

- any attempt, directly or indirectly, to influence how the elector votes
- displaying a candidate's campaign material or literature in the voting place

For this purpose, "voting place" includes any place in the immediate vicinity of the voting place designated by the clerk. The clerk sets the campaign-free zone around each voting place under the MEA. Complaints about campaigning at or near a voting place go to the clerk and election officials.

Voting Day: Common Questions

Do I need photo ID to vote in a municipal election?

No. You need one piece of identification showing your name and address. Your name must also be on the voters' list, but if it is not, you can be added up to and including voting day.

Can I vote if I own property in a municipality but live somewhere else?

Yes. If you or your spouse own or rent land in that municipality, you qualify as a non-resident elector there. You can vote once in each municipality where you qualify, but only once per municipality.

What if my name is not on the voters' list?

You can still vote. Your name can be added to the voters' list, and your information corrected, up to and including voting day. Bring one piece of identification showing your name and address to the voting place.

Voting Terms Defined

Non-resident elector: A person who does not live in the municipality but is the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of an owner or tenant, and who otherwise qualifies to vote.

Scrutineer: A representative appointed by a candidate to observe voting and the counting of ballots, and to raise objections about ballots and procedures at the voting place.

Voters' list: The list of persons entitled to vote in the election, prepared from the preliminary list of electors provided by the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario.

Voting place: A location where an elector may cast a ballot. Campaigning is prohibited there under s. 48 of the MEA.

Voting proxy: A person appointed under s. 44 of the MEA by an elector who is unable to attend a voting place. The proxy may cast a ballot on the elector's behalf in accordance with the Act.

List of Candidates

NAME OF CANDIDATE	OFFICE
Deborah Julie Ewald	Mayor
Andrew Hartnell	Mayor
Rebecca Brooks	Councillor
Joel Hagarty	Councillor
Lindsay Logsdon	Councillor
Jeffrey C. Marchuk	Councillor
Florence Joan Newman	Councillor
Scott Olson	Councillor
Gordon Prost	Councillor
Dana Tait	Councillor
Anthony Venables	Councillor
David Allan Sharp	School Board – English Separate

The following pages are submissions from the candidates. The submissions were not edited in any way and have solely originated from the candidates. For further information, please contact the candidates.

Re-Elect Deborah Ewald for Mayor

I have been a Rainy River resident for thirty-five years. I love Rainy River and want to see the Town grow and flourish. I have served on Council as a Councillor for one term and have been the Mayor for five terms for a total of 23 years.

During my tenure as Mayor, the Town has replaced aging infrastructure, enhanced and updated services provided by the Town and have employed hard-working employees to keep the Town compliant and safe. I am asking for your vote so that Council and I continue to make Rainy River safe, affordable, and a great place to raise families, enjoy retirement and enjoy the lifestyle.

Thank you.

Deborah J. Ewald

My name is Andrew Hartnell, and I'm running for Mayor of Rainy River.

I believe Rainy River has tremendous potential, but we need strong leadership that is willing to listen, take action, and fight for our community.

I want to see our town grow, support local businesses, attract new opportunities, and ensure taxpayers are treated with respect, transparency, and accountability. Every taxpayer deserves to know where their money is going and to receive real value for every dollar spent.

I'm not running for the title — I'm running because I care about the future of Rainy River and I'm ready to put in the work to make a difference.

It's time to move Rainy River forward.

I'm asking for your support this October.

**Andrew Hartnell
Candidate for Mayor**

Hi, Rainy River! I'm Rebecca Brooks, and I'm asking for your vote for Town Council!

I may be new to town, but don't let that fool you - I've fallen in love with this community, and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work for it.

By trade, I'm a nurse. I've spent my career looking after people, and that's really what this campaign is about for me: healthy people, a healthy community, and a town where everyone feels cared for. That's not just a talking point - it's who I am.

I also believe good things happen when people work well together. I've seen firsthand that when folks support each other and stay open to new ideas, real progress follows. I bring a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Business degree to the table - so I've got the caring heart and the practical know-how to help move Rainy River forward.

I know I'm new here. But I'm not new to hard work, community care, or believing in a place enough to fight for it. Rainy River has so much going for it, and I'd love the chance to help build its future, together, with you.

Let's grow a healthier, stronger Rainy River.

Vote Rebecca Brooks!

Hello, my name is Joel Hagarty and I am running to be a council member for the town of Rainy River. I have lived in Rainy for 5 years now and my wife and I own a home here. My family has long term roots in this town. My father, aunts, uncles, cousins were raised here and my grandparents Alvin and Betty were lifelong citizens who were active in the local community.

I have served on council for the previous term and learned a lot about how municipal politics work. (And sometimes it was a trial by fire!) I bring to the table a vision and goal of financial responsibility. I am the manager of a manufacturing plant where I deal with employees, customers, expenses and problems. I know that a business at the end of the day must provide a service to its customers while staying profitable. I think many municipalities fail to understand that idea and act exactly opposite. They spend and spend - and their heart's may be in the right place because they want to provide the best possible "service" to their customers - the residence of the town. But many towns neglect to focus on the bottom line. We are not here to make a profit, but we are spending taxpayers' money and we simply cannot do things we cannot afford. For too long small towns have operated like they have unlimited access to revenue. If they need more money - they just raise taxes. But no one wants higher taxes. So, my vision is one of financial responsibility. As your council member - if you vote for me- you can be assured that I will work diligently to insure we remember it's the taxpayers who have to pay for the services we offer and we have to treat every single dollar we spend with the utmost respect and care and at the end of the day - just like any business we have to live within our budget.

Lindsay LOGSDON
FOR RAINY RIVER
TOWN COUNCIL

A FUTURE WORTH STAYING FOR.

I love Rainy River.
This is where I'm raising my children and growing my business.

I'm running for Council because I want our community to thrive - not merely survive.

I want my children and future grandchildren to build their lives here. That means creating new opportunities and supporting the community we already have.

I'm ready to get to work for Rainy River!

- GROW**
Encourage business and opportunity.
- STAY**
Support families, youth, and local business.
- REVITALIZE**
Build a vibrant, welcoming community.
- BUILD**
Make responsible financial & infrastructure decisions.
- CONNECT**
Listen to residents and work together.

Hello All,

My name is Scott Olson. I grew up in Bergland, ON and have been a full time resident of Rainy River since 1993. My wife Janice and I raised our 3 kids here in Rainy River, 2 of which still reside in the district. Although I am new and inexperienced with municipal politics, I will do my best to learn and understand the ins and outs of the job. I am a firm believer in listening to the concerns of our townspeople and focusing on issues, not individual agendas. I will approach all questions and concerns with open communication and transparency. I will be vocal for what I believe is right but will keep an open mind when it comes to others ideas and opinions.

I look forward to the new experience and challenges that lay ahead.

Thank you,

Scott Olson

Gordon Prost

I have lived in Rainy River for 40 years after being transferred here for my job at Canada Customs.

Retiring in 2010, I made the decision to remain here in what has become home.

I have 17 years of council experience as a Councillor, Reeve, and Mayor in both Rainy River and Morson.

I have also taken part in a First Nations Claim Negotiation.

I have always endeavoured to do my part for the community and will continue to do so.

— TOWN OF RAINY RIVER —

Dana TAIT
CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL

As a resident of Rainy River, Dana Tait is committed to a strong, vibrant and sustainable community.

FOCUS AREAS:

- Infrastructure & maintenance
- Economic growth & local opportunities
- Transparency & accountability
- Quality of life for all ages
- Collaboration & community engagement

“Strong communities are built through cooperation, respect and a shared vision for the future. I am committed to listening to residents and representing their interests at the council table.”

Jeffrey C. Marchuk

Of all the things I've been called husband, father, and lawyer rank among my favourites. However, well before any of that, I have always proudly identified as being I was from Rainy River.

In every forum I've had the opportunity to appear in, whether it was the Senate of Canada in Ottawa for an undergraduate model parliament competition or the Ontario Court of Justice in the back of Legion in Rainy as counsel, the lessons I learned growing up in and being a member of this community has consistently been my primary resource.

I believe those lessons have served me well, and I would be honoured to have the opportunity to use what I have learned in Rainy River to advocate for the benefit of the community of Rainy River.

If you would like to have further discussions, please do not hesitate to email me at jeffreymarchuk942@gmail.com.

Vote Florence Newman

For Councillor - Town of Rainy River

Experienced • Dedicated • Community-Minded

Appointed to Rainy River Council January 2025, committed to the community with
100% attendance at Committee of The Whole and Regular Council meetings.

Community Involvement: Library - Recreation Board - President Rainy River Senior Activity
Depot - Active Volunteer - Retired Personal Support Worker

Committed to listening to residents, working collaboratively, and making thoughtful decisions
that benefit Rainy River.

**"I am seeking election to continue serving the residents of Rainy River with integrity,
transparency and dedication."**

Your vote matters!

**THANK YOU
FOR VOTING!**

