

# 2026 Municipal Election

Candidate Information Session



# Nice to meet you



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# Agenda



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2. Advance Vote
3. Voting Day
4. Offices for Election
5. Filing a Nomination
6. Contribution Rebate Program
7. Election Signage

# Key Dates

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- ▶ Nominations Open: Friday, May 1
- ▶ Nomination Day (Close of Nominations): Friday, August 21 at 2 p.m.
- ▶ Advance Vote Period: October 9-18
- ▶ Voting Day: Monday, October 26, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- ▶ New Term of Council Begins: November 15
- ▶ Vaughan Council Inauguration: Tuesday, November 17

# Advance Vote

# Advance Voting

Friday, October 9 – Sunday, October 18, 2026

- ▶ Voting to be conducted by internet only
- ▶ Voters will be required to complete an opt-in beginning in August to be able to vote online
- ▶ Voter Assistance Centers (VACs) will be operated to provide voters an option for completing the internet voting process in-person with the assistance of trained staff
- ▶ VACs will be closed on Thanksgiving Day
- ▶ VACs will also be able to process voter registrations and revisions

# Advance Voting

## Voter Assistance Centers (VACs)

Ward	Location	Address	Voting Dates	Hours of Operation
1	Vaughan City Hall	2141 Major Mackenzie Dr. W	Oct. 9-11, 13-18	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
2	Al Palladini Community Centre. (Activity Room #4)	9201 Islington Ave	Oct. 9-11, 13-18	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
3	Vellore Village Community Centre (Activity Room #4)	1 Villa Royale Ave.	Oct. 9-11, 13-18	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
4	North Thornhill Community Centre (Youth Room)	300 Pleasant Ridge Ave	Oct. 9-11, 13-18	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
5	Promenade Mall	1 Promenade Cir.	Oct. 9, 13-16 Oct. 10 & 17 Oct. 11 & 18	10 a.m. to 8 p.m. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

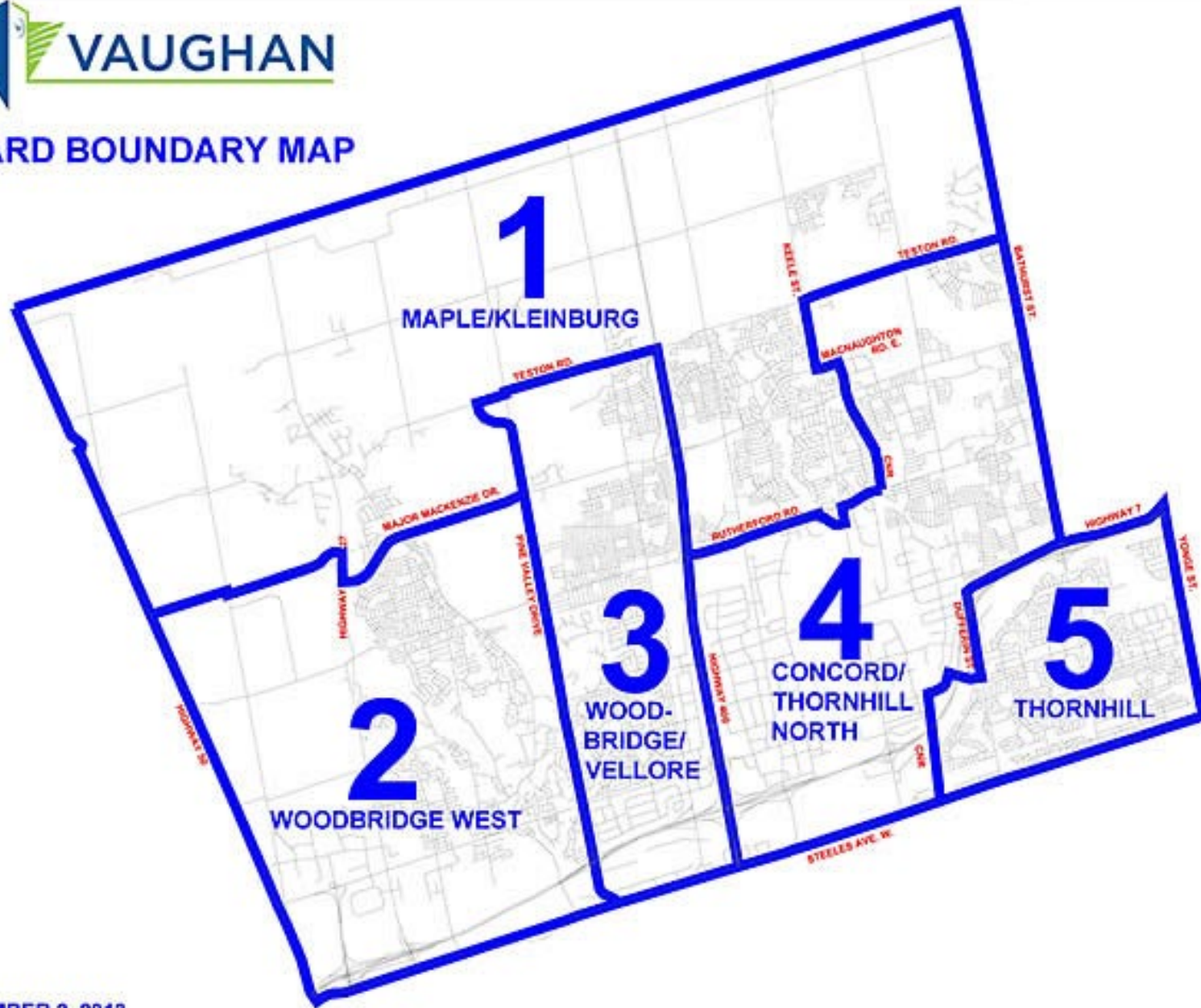
# Voting Day

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Monday, October 26, 2026

- ▶ Only tabulator-based voting on Voting Day, using paper ballots fed through an optical-scan vote tabulator
- ▶ Voting between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- ▶ Full-day voting places at City of Vaughan facilities and schools, retirement residences and Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital
- ▶ Unofficial results announced after 8 p.m. in Council Chambers and published on [Vaughan.ca](http://Vaughan.ca)

# Offices for Election

**WARD BOUNDARY MAP**

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# Offices for Election

## Vaughan Council

- ▶ Mayor (elected at-large)
- ▶ 4 Local and Regional Councillors (elected at-large)
- ▶ 5 Ward Councillors
  - Ward 1 Councillor (Maple/Kleinburg)
  - Ward 2 Councillor (Woodbridge West)
  - Ward 3 Councillor (Woodbridge/Vellore)
  - Ward 4 Councillor (Concord/Thornhill North)
  - Ward 5 Councillor (Thornhill)

# Offices for Election

## York Region District School Board

- ▶ Trustee - Area 1 (Township of King and Vaughan Ward 1)\*
- ▶ Trustee – Area 2 (Vaughan Ward 2 and 3)
- ▶ Trustee – Area 3 (Vaughan Ward 4 and 5)

\*Nominations for this office are administered by the Clerk of the Township of King

# Offices for Election

## York Catholic District School Board

- ▶ Trustee – Area 1 (Vaughan Ward 1)
- ▶ Trustee – Area 2 (Vaughan Ward 2)
- ▶ x2 Trustees – Area 3 (Vaughan Ward 3, 4 and 5)

# Offices for Election

## French School Boards

- ▶ Conseille scolaire Viamonde
  - Trustee – York Region
  
- ▶ Conseille scolaire catholique Mon Avenir
  - Trustee – York Region

# Filing a Nomination

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- ▶ Nominations for office on Vaughan Council or a School Board will be accepted **by appointment only**, in-person at the Office of the City Clerk, Vaughan City Hall, 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr., Vaughan.
- ▶ Appointments are one hour in duration and may be scheduled during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Friday, May 1 and Thursday, August 20.
- ▶ No appointments are required for nominations on Nomination Day, Friday, August 21, and will be accepted on a drop-in basis between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

# Filing a Nomination

- ▶ To schedule a nomination appointment with Elections Vaughan, please email [elections@vaughan.ca](mailto:elections@vaughan.ca) or call 905-832-8504, ext.6104.
  
- ▶ To file a nomination, you must provide:
  1. Form 1 - Nomination Paper;
  2. A minimum of 25 signed declarations on Form 2 - Endorsement of Nominations (Vaughan Council candidates only);
  3. Declaration of Qualifications (VC6, VC7 or VC7F depending on office) to be signed at your appointment;
  4. Identification, including name, qualifying Vaughan address and signature; and
  5. Nomination filing fee: \$100 for Councillor or Trustee, \$200 for Mayor.

# Filing a Nomination

- ▶ Original signatures are required for all forms.
- ▶ Agents who file on behalf of a candidate must provide all of the necessary documents, and their own identification.

# Contribution Rebate Program

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- ▶ Program to issue rebates to eligible contributors for campaign contributions to candidates for Vaughan Council.
- ▶ The onus is on candidates to understand the program as established by By-law 026-2026 and educate contributors when they make a contribution to your campaign.
- ▶ Contributions to candidates who have not opted into the Contribution Rebate Program are not eligible for a rebate. Contributions to School Board Trustee candidates are also not eligible for a rebate.

# Contribution Rebate Program

- ▶ Contributors applying for a rebate must:
  - be an eligible elector in the City of Vaughan;
  - be a resident of the City of Vaughan; and
  - not be the candidate, or the spouse or relative of the candidate, including siblings, grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren.
- ▶ The Contribution Rebate is calculated using the following criteria:
  - The rebate is issued for 75% of the total value of contributions made to candidates.
  - The minimum contribution necessary to qualify for a rebate is \$50.
  - The maximum value of the rebate issued to a contributor, regardless of the number and value of contributions to one or more candidates, is \$150.

# Election Signage

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- ▶ Election signage is the responsibility of the City of Vaughan By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services (BCLPS) Department
- ▶ After a nomination has been filed with the Office of the City Clerk, candidates may complete an application with BCLPS
- ▶ BCLPS will conduct education with candidates and campaign volunteers to ensure compliance with Vaughan and York Region sign by-laws

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- ▶ For more information, visit [vaughan.ca/elections](http://vaughan.ca/elections)
- ▶ To schedule a nomination appointment, or if you have questions about the 2026 Municipal Election, please contact Elections Vaughan by email at [elections@vaughan.ca](mailto:elections@vaughan.ca) or call 905-832-8504, ext.6104.



# Thank you!

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