

“As a member of council, you have to work as part of a team in order to respond effectively to the concerns of the community.”

**Mayor
Jim Farrell
Town of Wabush**

“Men and women who serve on municipal councils are on the front line in addressing the basic needs of their fellow citizens. I would encourage men and women to offer their talents and expertise by offering themselves as candidates in the upcoming municipal elections.”

**Councillor
Frank Galgay
City of St. John’s**

“To deal with issues that are a part of making a community stronger.”

**Councillor
Nancy Poole
Town of Ramea**

What Should You **Do Now**

- Talk with current and former councillors to learn about the responsibilities and commitments required of councillors.
- If possible, attend one or more council meetings to make yourself familiar with official procedures.
- Meet with your municipality’s administrative staff and learn their roles.
- Contact your Municipal Administrator (Returning Officer) to request information regarding important dates, official documents and other information.

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What you need to know...



RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT



"I have a strong passion for the growth and development of our town; I enjoy networking with other visionary leaders from which valuable knowledge is gained."

Mayor Kevin Pollard
Town of Springdale

"I want to try to improve services in my town and help bring back community spirit."

Mayor Joseph Templeman
Town of Elliston

"I gained valuable knowledge by meeting people from other communities who willingly shared their experiences."

Councillor George Doyle
Town of St. Lawrence

Why Should You Run For Municipal Government?

- To participate in the highest order of public service in Canada.
- To be part of the team that makes decisions on behalf of the entire municipality.
- To promote community awareness and improve the quality of life in your municipality.
- To commit to a 4-year term and have the time to make a regular contribution to the operation of your municipality.

Are You Qualified?

- You are eligible to vote in the municipality in which you are nominated.
- You are not in arrears of taxes or other charges to the council.
- You have lived in the municipality for at least 30 days before the commencement of the nomination period.
- You are an employee of the council other than the clerk, manager or paid department head, provided that you have requested and received a leave of absence from your position with the council.

What Power Does Council Have?

- Council derives its primary authority from the Municipalities Act, 1999.
- The municipality can only be committed to a decision through a motion of council at a public council meeting.

What Can You Expect on Council?

- To participate in decision-making for the benefit of your municipality.
- To make decisions that affect the day to day lives of citizens of your community.
- To maintain and improve economic opportunities and the social fabric of your municipality.
- Regular interaction and support from provincial organizations.

What Responsibilities Does Council Have?

- To make decisions as a team and establish policies regarding the provision of municipal services.
- To provide direction for the operation of the municipality.
- To ensure that the municipality's financial and personnel resources are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

What Is The Role Of The Administration?

- Administrators implement the policies and carry out the decisions of council.
- The knowledge, experience and training of your municipality's administrative staff can be a tremendous asset to both prospective and elected councillors alike.
- The staff can provide valuable information on the operation of the municipality, the structure of council and municipal issues.

"I have a better appreciation for councils and how they benefit communities."

Deputy Mayor Paula Kinden
Town of Glenwood

"I ran for council because I love the town I live in. I was born and raised there and I thought I needed to do some paybacks."

Mayor Aneitha Sheaves
Town of Channel Port-aux-Basques

"Communities need people to step forward who have the time, ability and interest to help their community grow."

Mayor Harold Mallowney
Town of Bay Bulls