

INVITATION 2 TO CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR AND WARD COUNCILOR
IN PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY
AUGUST 31, 2022

I – Strengths and interests

Last week, candidates were invited to identify their recent associations with the municipal government and not-for-profit, non-government organizations in the County. This week, candidates are invited to identify their strengths in specific areas that fall (at least partly) to the responsibility of elected municipal officials. Though we're revisiting some core structures of our municipal government, Invitation 2 encourages candidates to move beyond their past associations and achievements, and to share how they see their future roles and impacts.

Council's decision-making relies on the input (findings and recommendations) of a variety of internal and external committees and boards, whose terms of reference include the appointment of Members of Council to work alongside staff members and public representatives. Most of the internal and external committees and boards listed on the County's [website](#) are listed below.

For your easy reference, we have indicated (in parentheses) the number of Councilors who are appointed to these internal committees and boards and whether the Mayor is an appointed (M) or *ex officio* (M*) Member. We have also provided links to these bodies on the County's website.

Internal committees and boards

1. [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#) (1 + M*)
2. [Agricultural Advisory Committee](#) (3 + M*)
3. [Audit Committee](#) (4 + M)
4. [Community & Economic Development Commission](#) (2 + M*)
5. [Environmental Advisory Committee](#) (3 + M)
6. [Heritage Advisory Committee](#) (2 + M*)
7. [Planning Committee](#) (13 + M)
8. [Police Services Board](#) (1 + M)
9. [Public Library Board](#) (3)
10. [Traffic Advisory Committee](#) (3 + M*)

External bodies

1. Prince Edward County Affordable Housing Corporation
2. Hastings and Prince Edward Board of Health
3. Hastings/Quinte Emergency Services Committee
4. Prince Edward Lennox & Addington Housing Advisory Committee
5. Prince Edward Lennox & Addington Social Services Committee
6. Quinte Conservation Executive Board
7. Quinte Region Source Protection Committee
8. Quinte Waste Solutions (Centre & South Hastings Waste Services Board)

Against this background,

1. Please identify two internal and one external committee or board listed above whose areas of municipal responsibility would showcase your skills and interests in municipal government.
2. For these three committees or boards, please highlight your skills and experience (work, volunteer, life) in those areas of municipal responsibility.
3. For these three committees or boards, please describe the impact you'd hope to make in those areas of municipal responsibility.

Part II – Voter turnout

According to [official sources](#), fewer than half of eligible voters in the County turned out in the previous three municipal elections:

Election	Eligible voters	Votes cast	Voter turnout
October 2010	22,403	10,614	47.4%
October 2014	22,006	9,637	43.8%
October 2018	23,164	10,032	43.3%

In the October 2018 municipal election, voter turnout ranged from 37.6% (Ward 4 – Ameliasburgh) to 60.3% (Ward 3 – Wellington).

Ward	Councilors	Eligible voters (2018)	Votes cast (2018)	Voter turnout (2018)
Ward 1 – Picton	2	3,258	1,552	47.6%
Ward 2 – Bloomfied/Hallowell	2	3,960	1,739	43.9%
Ward 3 – Wellington	1	1,998	1,204	60.3%
Ward 4 – Ameliasburgh	3	5,229	1,964	37.6%
Ward 5- Athol	1	1,653	689	41.7%
Ward 6 – Sophiasburgh	1	2,270	Acclaimed	Acclaimed
Ward 7 – Hillier	1	1,975	830	42.0%
Ward 8 – North Marysburgh	1	1,639	751	45.8%
Ward 9 – South Marysburgh	1	1,182	559	47.3%

Against this background,

4. How would you account for these rates of voter turnout in the County in recent municipal elections?
5. Please relate an occasion when you (nearly) decided not to vote in an election.
6. How would you propose to work with other candidates to increase voter turnout in the County in the upcoming municipal election?

Please email your responses by 5 pm on Monday, September 5, 2022.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with the voters of the County.