



KEY DATES FOR THE 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**Friday, May 1, 2026 to Friday, August 21, 2026
to 2:00 pm**

Nomination Period: Nomination forms may be filed by candidates beginning Friday, May 1, 2026 and on any day thereafter prior to Nomination Day, at any time when the Clerk's Office is open (Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and on Nomination Day, Friday, August 21, 2026 when nomination forms may be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 1, 2026 to Thursday, December 31, 2026

Campaign Period: The campaign period begins when a candidate has filed the nomination form and ends on Thursday, December 31, 2026. Alternative time periods are in effect if the candidate withdraws the nomination, if the Clerk rejects the nomination, or the candidate extends his/her campaign and is continuing to campaign to erase a deficit.

Friday, May 1, 2026 to Friday, October 23, 2026

Third Party Advertising: Individuals, corporations or trade unions may file with the Clerk to be a registered third party for the election; in prescribed form. Restrictions apply as to who may register.

Friday, August 21, 2026

Nomination Day: Last day for filing nominations. Nominations, in the Required Form, filed on this date may only be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, August 24, 2026

Certification of Nomination Forms and Acclamations: Immediately after 4:00 p.m., the Clerk shall declare any acclaimed eligible candidates to be duly elected.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Voters' List: The Clerk shall make the list of voters available to persons entitled.

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Final Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses to be provided to each Candidate and Registered Third Party.

Early October

A Voter Information Letter will be mailed to residents directly in the month of October, providing them with a Personal Identification Number (PIN) which will allow them to **vote 24 hours a day during the voting period** from any touch-tone telephone, cell phone, computer or other device connected to the internet. A Vote by Mail Ballot will also be included for those wishing to Vote by Mail.

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – Monday October 26, 2026

Advanced Polls open: Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Vote from any touch-tone telephone, cell phone, computer or other device connected to the internet – 24 hours a day OR send in your Vote by Mail Ballot. Please ensure your Vote by Mail Ballot is sent in enough time to be received by Election Day. You can always call in to the Voter Help Centre to confirm that your Return Envelope was received by us.

Voter Help Centre is at the Magnetawan Municipal Office located at 4304 Highway 520. Open Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the entire election. Drop in or call: 705-387-3947.

Monday, October 26, 2026

Election Day: FINAL DAY to VOTE by Mail or Internet or Telephone from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Declaration of Results: The Clerk will declare the results of the election of candidates “as soon as possible after voting day”.

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Term of Office Commences: Elected members must take the oath of office prior to taking their seat. Inaugural Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 in the Community Centre, which serves as the Council Chambers during Council meetings.

Thursday, December 31, 2026

Campaign Period Ends for candidates and registered third parties.

Monday, March 1, 2027

Provide Notice of Filing Requirements to Candidates and Registered Third Party Advertisers for Financial Statements.

Tuesday, March 30, 2027

Deadline for Filing of Financial Statements for Candidates and Registered Third Party Advertisers.