

Form MEL1

Municipality of Meaford Declaration of Qualifications - Council



I, _____, a nominated candidate for the office of:

- ☐ Mayor
- ☐ Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Councillor

Do Solemnly Declare That:

1. I am qualified pursuant to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the Municipal Act, 2001 to be elected to and to hold the office of:
 - ☐ Mayor
 - ☐ Deputy Mayor
 - ☐ Councillor
2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1, I am at least eighteen years of age, a Canadian citizen, a resident of the Municipality of Meaford or the owner or tenant of land in the Municipality of Meaford or the spouse of such owner or tenant.
3. I am not ineligible or disqualified under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, the Municipal Act, 2001, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act or any other Act to be elected to or hold the above-mentioned office.
4. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 3,
 - I am not an employee of the Municipality of Meaford, or if I am an employee of the Municipality of Meaford, I am on an unpaid leave of absence as provided for by section 30 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
 - I am not a judge of any court.
 - I am not a member of the Assembly as provided in the Legislative Assembly Act or of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada or, if I am such a person, I will provide proof of my resignation in a form satisfactory to the Clerk of the Municipality of Meaford prior to 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, August 21, 2026. I understand that the Clerk of the Municipality of Meaford will reject my nomination for the above-mentioned office if I fail to provide proof of resignation by this deadline.
 - I am not a member of the Executive Council of Ontario or a federal Minister of the Crown.
 - I am not a Crown employee within the meaning of the *Public Service Act*, or if I am a Crown employee, I have followed and will continue to follow all the relevant provisions of Part III of such *Act*.

5. I am not prohibited from voting at the municipal election under subsection 17(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
6. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 5,
 - I am not a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
 - I am not a person who was convicted of a corrupt practice described in subsection 90(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, from voting in a municipal election.
7. I am not a candidate who was convicted of a corrupt practice under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or of an offence under the Criminal Code (Canada), in connection with an act or omission with respect to a municipal election during the last two regular elections prior to Monday, October 26, 2026.
8. I am not disqualified from being elected to or holding office by reason of any violations of the election campaign financial requirements or violations for not filing the financial statement pursuant to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me at Municipality of Meaford, in the County of Grey, in the Province of Ontario this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Clerk or Commissioner

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and will be used for the nomination process for office in the municipal election and will be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk, Municipality of Meaford until the next municipal election. Questions about this collection of personal information should be directed to Margaret Wilton-Siegel, Clerk/Returning Officer.
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