

Appointment of Scrutineer by Candidate

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

I _____ being a candidate for the office of

- Mayor
- Regional Councillor
- Council Member, Ward _____
- English Trustee for District School Board for Niagara
- English Trustee for Niagara Catholic District School Board
- French Trustee for Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
- French Trustee for Conseil Scolaire Catholique Monavenir

Appoint _____ as a scrutineer to represent me in the Grimsby 2026 Municipal Election, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Signature of Candidate

Instructions to Scrutineer

- Scrutineers arriving at a voting place must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take an oath of secrecy.
- Candidates arriving at a voting place must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take an oath of secrecy. A candidate who enters a voting place is considered to be a scrutineer.
- Only one scrutineer per candidate may be at each ballot issuing station in the voting place and at the vote tabulator.

Rights and Prohibitions

- Enter the voting place 15 minutes before it opens and inspect the ballot boxes and the ballots and all other papers, forms and documents relating to the vote (but not so as to delay the timely opening of the voting place).
- Place his or her own seal on the ballot box, immediately before the opening of the voting place, so that ballots can be deposited in the box and cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal.
- Examine each ballot as they are fed into the vote tabulator (but not touch the ballot).

Scrutineers and Candidates can:

- Object to a ballot or to the counting of votes in a ballot.
- Sign the statement of the results of the election prepared by the deputy returning officer.

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- Place his or her own seal on the ballot box immediately after the close of voting on each day of an advance vote, so that ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal.
- Examine the Voters' List periodically to determine who has voted or to count how many Electors have voted but may not interfere with the conduct of the voting process.

Scrutineers and Candidates cannot:

- Be near enough to the vote tabulator to see how a voter has marked their ballot.
- Campaign at the voting place.
- Attempt, directly or indirectly, to interfere with how an elector votes
- Display a candidate's election material (including buttons, pins, etc.) in a voting place.
- Compromise the secrecy of voting.
- Obtain or attempt to obtain, in a voting place, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Communicate any information obtained at a voting place about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Park a vehicle displaying campaign material in the parking lot of the Voting Place.

Note:

- The DRO is responsible for the conduct of the Voting Place and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the DRO in the discharge of his or her duties.
- Anyone who is creating a disturbance at a Voting Place will be removed by the DRO.
- The seal(s) **must not** contain any writing that could be considered 'election campaigning', therefore, the name of the candidate **is not** permitted on the seal;
- Scrutineers/candidates who wish to have a discussion with another candidate or scrutineer must leave the Voting Place to carry on their discussion outside of the Voting Place.
- No campaign material whatsoever shall be displayed within the Voting Place. The boundaries of the Voting Place are the boundaries of the property where the Voting Place is located and **includes** the parking lot.
- Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the transmission of results **must** be at the Voting Place prior to the closing of the voting location at 8:00 p.m. No one will be admitted to the Voting Place after 8:00 p.m.
- It is recommended that Scrutineers supply themselves with a clipboard for their use as sitting at the same tables as Election Officials is prohibited. Scrutineers will be directed by an Election Official on where they may place themselves to observe. If electronic devices are in use the sound must be off
- Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the counting of advance votes **must** be at Town Hall prior to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.