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# Newsletter



## A word from the Returning Officer

Canada Post's strike means two major adjustments for Edmonton Elections. First, Edmontonians will not be getting voter information cards in the mail. More than 800,000 cards were slated to be sent out. We've had to pivot.

There's a simple alternative. Visit [edmonton.ca/forvoters](https://edmonton.ca/forvoters) to get ward information, voting station, ID requirements and much more. We'll be publicizing this link through advertising, posters and postcards available at all Edmonton Public Library locations and City of Edmonton rec centres. Edmontonians unable to access our website can call 311 and ask for their assigned voting station location.

What can you do? Reach out to friends, neighbours and loved ones to help them make their plan to vote.

A second major change is special ballots, which are often called "mail-in ballots." This is a voting method designed for anyone who can't vote during advance vote or on Election Day. The strike impacts that, as special ballot packages can't be sent or received through mail.

We are encouraging Edmontonians who applied for a special ballot to pick up your package at the Edmonton Elections office (16304 114 Avenue). We've extended our office hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

You can complete your special ballot right in our office. Or take it away and drop it off at another time. If you can't get to the Edmonton Elections office, you can also drop off your ballot with an Edmonton Elections worker at City Hall, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Just call 780-496-8178 or use the courtesy phone at City Hall and an election worker will collect your special ballot package.

If you have any questions related to special ballots, please contact our office at 780-442-VOTE (8683) or email [specialballots@edmonton.ca](mailto:specialballots@edmonton.ca).

- Aileen Giesbrecht, City Clerk and Returning Officer

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## Advance vote begins October 7

It's almost here! Advance voting stations open this week, and will be available from noon to 8 p.m. from Tuesday, October 7 to Saturday, October 11.

Use the [Where to Vote tool](#) to find your advance vote location by entering your address.

Find your voting station



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## Postal strike changes

Edmonton Elections is taking other steps to make sure Edmontonians have the information they need to participate in the 2025 Edmonton Election. Visit [edmonton.ca/forvoters](https://edmonton.ca/forvoters) for more information.

You might notice signs, posters and ads. Edmonton Elections is increasing communications efforts so that Edmontonians know where and when to vote:

- Increased digital ads with advertising on social media and digital billboards.
- Voter information postcards and posters at all EPL locations, City of Edmonton Recreation Centres and potentially other locations.
- Radio ads in 7 languages providing key information to voters.

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## Special ballot changes

During the Canada Post strike, voters can still apply for and receive a special ballot. Voters are encouraged to apply [online](#) for the quickest turnaround.

All special ballots must be received by **7 p.m. on October 20**. They can be returned in several ways:

- **Edmonton Elections office:** Drop off during extended hours (weekdays 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.–4 p.m.)
- **City Hall:** Drop off to an election worker (9 a.m.–4 p.m.)
- **By courier:** Electors outside of the Edmonton area can return their completed package to Edmonton Elections via a courier service

Applicants can switch their delivery method from ‘mail’ to ‘pick up’ from the Elections Office and immediately complete the package on site, or return it later.

Alternate arrangements are available for applicants unable to pick up or drop off their ballot package in person. Email [specialballots@edmonton.ca](mailto:specialballots@edmonton.ca) or phone.

Watch the video below to learn how to fill out a special ballot.

[Find out more information](#)



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## Interim financial disclosures posted

All candidates, local political parties and third-party advertisers were required to provide interim financial disclosures by September 30.

These financial reports include information on campaign contributions and expenses between January 1 and July 31, 2025. Candidate, local political party and third-party advertiser statements are available on the Edmonton Elections website.

[View the reports](#)

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## Mark your calendar

**October 7 to 11:** Advance voting opportunities, one location per Ward

**October 20 at 7 p.m.:** Special ballot return deadline

October 20: Election Day

## IMPORTANT DATES



## Election Day virtual information session

On October 2 at noon, we hosted the final 30-minute virtual information session all about what Edmontonians can expect on Election Day. We shared information about voting and counting processes and potential timelines, including how candidates can appoint scrutineers.

Watch now

## Stay connected!

Follow Edmonton Elections on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and/or [Twitter/X](#). These social channels make it easier for more Edmontonians to get the information they need to participate in the 2025 Edmonton Election.

Follow us and be a part of the conversation.

## Virtual information sessions

### Campaigning

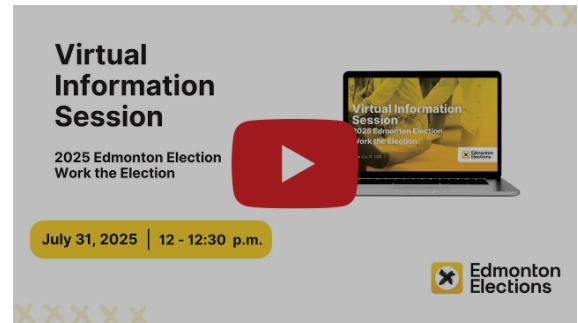
This session covered information on campaigning. Learn more about election sign placement rules.



Watch now

## Work the Election

This session covered information on working the election. Learn more about the application process and job requirements.



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## Election Advertising

This session covered information on election advertising requirements. Learn more about the registration of third-party advertisers, reporting obligations and signage rules.



Watch now

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## 2025 Edmonton Election top 3 FAQs

### 1. Can I drop off my special ballot at an advance vote station or at a voting station on Election Day?

No. While the ballots in special ballot packages are the exact same as the ones you'd receive at a voting station the process is different. Special ballots are tracked and counted separately.

If you have a completed special ballot, you can drop it off with Edmonton Elections staff at our west Edmonton office or at City Hall.

All special ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day. If you have any questions about special ballots, please call 780-442-VOTE (8683) or send us an email at [specialballots@edmonton.ca](mailto:specialballots@edmonton.ca).

## **2. On election night, will I know who has won each race?**

We can't say for sure.

Edmonton Elections will be doing an accurate hand count of each ballot for each race. Because we're not using tabulators, the unofficial results will likely come in slower than in previous years.

Media will be able to get refreshed results as they are coming in, but it's likely that we won't get everything counted on election night.

The Edmonton Elections count centre will be open at 9 a.m. on October 21, and we currently expect to complete the preliminary count by the end of the day. Official results will be released on Friday, October 24th, at 12 noon.

## **3. I have mobility challenges. With the postal strike, can I still vote by special ballot?**

You bet you can!

Edmontonians are encouraged to visit the Edmonton Elections Office to pick up their special ballot packages. Those who are unable to pick up a special ballot in person will have their packages couriered to them after Oct.8.

For returning the ballots, there are several options. You can use a courier, or call the Edmonton Elections office to arrange for someone to drop off your ballots with an Edmonton Elections staff member either at the Edmonton Elections office or at City Hall.

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