



Running for Council

A Town Council sets the vision and direction for their municipality. They do so by adopting policies and bylaws that encompass these goals, as well as by approving the municipal budget. It is then the responsibility of the municipal staff to administer and carry out the policies set by Council. Council may then work through their one employee, the CAO, to ensure the organization objectives are being met.

As a Councillor you will have the occasion to put forward ideas and opportunities for the betterment of your community. However, decisions or monetary commitments may not be made individually and must be made by a majority of Council through a Resolution. If a decision made by a majority of Council does not align with your opinion, you must be able to respect the difference of opinion and demonstrate a unified front.

As a Councillor, you are a leader and a representative of the Town of Thorsby. As such, when you are in public, you should conduct yourself in a manner that appropriately aligns with these responsibilities.



Duties of Council

Under section 153 of the MGA, all Councillors have the following duties:

- to consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole and to bring to council's attention anything that would promote the welfare or interests of the municipality;
- to promote an integrated and strategic approach to intermunicipal land use planning and service delivery with neighbouring municipalities;
- to participate generally in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality;
- to participate in council meetings and council committee meetings and meetings of other bodies to which they are appointed by the council to obtain information about the operation or administration of the municipality from the chief administrative officer (CAO) or a person designated by the CAO;
- to keep in confidence matters discussed in private at a council or council committee meeting until discussed at a meeting held in public;
- to adhere to the code of conduct established by the council under section 146.1(1);
- to perform any other duty or function imposed on councillors by this or any other enactment or by the council



The following is a list of the residents that have submitted their nomination papers for the upcoming election.

Government of Alberta ■
Municipal Affairs

Elections Database
Candidates Nomination Information

Name of Municipality:	TOWN OF THORSBY
Election Type:	GENERAL ELECTION
Election Date:	18-OCT-21

Section 28 of the Local Authorities Election Act
Section 577 of the Municipal Government Act

Candidate Information

Ward	First Name	Last Name	Acclaimed	Incumbent	Nominated Position
	DARRYL	HOSTYN	[]	[]	MAYOR
	BARRY	RASCH	[]	[]	MAYOR
	RODNEY	RAYMOND	[]	[X]	MAYOR
	CAROL	REMPEL	[]	[]	MAYOR
	IVOR	FOSTER	[]	[X]	COUNCILLOR
	CORY	GILBERT	[]	[X]	COUNCILLOR
	JILLIAN	HALLIDAY	[]	[]	COUNCILLOR
	JASON	KINSWATER	[]	[]	COUNCILLOR
	JOHNATHAN	MILLER	[]	[]	COUNCILLOR
	TRACY	MUSSON	[]	[]	COUNCILLOR
	KENNETH	POFFENROTH	[]	[X]	COUNCILLOR
	FRANCESCO	RAFFA	[]	[]	COUNCILLOR
	SHELLEY	RASCH	[]	[]	COUNCILLOR
	NATHANIEL	RAYMOND	[]	[X]	COUNCILLOR
	AUDREY	WATSON	[]	[]	COUNCILLOR
	BARBARA	WORSHEK	[]	[]	COUNCILLOR

Returning Officer Information

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I certify that this is a true statement of the candidates nomination information as of 21-Sep-21.

Tamara Sloboda CPA, CGA
Signature of Returning Officer

Sept.21, 2021
Date

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Time Commitment

During your four year term as a Councillor, you will be required to attend many meetings and events which can be demanding on your time. These include:

- Regular Town Council meetings, which are held twice a month (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Committee of the Whole meetings, which are held twice a month (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m.
- Meetings of other boards and agencies to which you are appointed as a council representative;
- Various other conferences (e.g. AUMA and FCM), conventions, seminars and workshops for training and discussion.

A Councillor must also spend time readings the agenda and preparing for the respective meetings, as well as, speaking with members of the public, the Chief Administrative Officer and parties related to the municipality.

There may also be events promoting Thorsby where Councillors receive invitations to attend.

Compensation

Councillors are compensated for their time dedicated as a municipal Councillor. Per the current Council Remuneration Policy, Council's annual compensation is set as follows:

Elected Official	Monthly	Per Diem 3-	Per Diem 3+
Mayor	\$1,001.07	\$100	\$175
Councillor	\$843.63	\$100	\$175

Individuals will also be reimbursed for any expenses incurred while traveling on Town business.



Am I Eligible to Run?

Eligibility - LAEA s. 21(1)

A person is eligible to be nominated as a candidate in any election if on nomination date they are:

- Eligible to vote in that election,
- A resident of the local jurisdiction and the ward, if any, for 6 consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day, and
- Not otherwise ineligible or disqualified

Ineligibility - LAEA s. 22(1)

A person is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate in the election if on nomination day:

- The person is the auditor of the local jurisdiction for which the election is to be held;
- The person is an employee of the local jurisdiction for which the election is to be held unless the person takes a leave of absence;
- The person is indebted to the municipality of which the person is an elector for taxes in default exceeding \$50, excluding from that amount
 - a. any indebtedness for current taxes, and
 - b. any indebtedness for arrears of taxes for which the person has entered into a consolidation agreement with the municipality, unless the person is in default in the payment of any money due under the agreement
- the person is indebted to the local jurisdiction for which the election is to be held for any debt exceeding \$500 and in default for more than 90 days;



- the person has, within the previous 10 years, been convicted of an offence under the LAEA , the Election Act , the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act or the Canada Elections Act (Canada).

Important Dates

Nominations

- Nomination papers may be filed between January 1, 2021 and 12 noon on nomination day (being September 20, 2021). To account for the January 1 statutory holiday and the weekend following, candidates may file nomination papers at the Edson Civic Centre beginning on January 4, 2021.

Election Day: October 18, 2021

Council Orientation: October 22, 2021

- Legal session 9:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting 101 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Organizational Meeting, Swearing in Ceremony & Council Meeting: October 26, 2021

Council Orientation: October 27 - All Day

Budget Workshop: November 8 - All Day

Munis 101 – Edmonton (Optional): November 16-18 All Day

AUMA Conference – Edmonton (Optional): November 17 -19



Local Democracy Pledge

The Local Democracy Pledge (the Pledge) is a voluntary commitment that candidates can make to voters to uphold key democratic principles – ahead of Alberta’s 2021 municipal elections – to improve the quality and tone of political discourse. The Pledge promotes fair and transparent municipal elections, free from undue partisan or financial influences.

I , seeking to
(full name)
represent , pledge to
(municipality)

Keep local elections local by focusing my campaign on issues that municipal elected officials can influence.

Maintain independence and non-partisanship by rejecting any endorsements which would undermine my accountability to municipal residents or the autonomy of the municipality.

Demonstrate transparency by sharing my vision for the municipality and providing pre-election disclosure of campaign contributions and spending.

Engage in respectful behaviour by sharing my perspective, while respecting and seeking to understand differences.

(signature)

2021
(date)



What is the Pledge?

The Pledge is a voluntary commitment a candidate can make to support democratic local elections as they carry out their campaigns to:

- **Keep local elections local** by focusing their campaigns on issues that municipal elected officials can influence.
- **Maintain independence and non-partisanship** by rejecting any endorsements which would undermine their accountability to municipal residents or the autonomy of the municipality.
- **Demonstrate transparency** by sharing their vision for the municipality and providing pre-election disclosure of campaign contributions and spending.
- **Engage in respectful behaviour** by sharing their perspective, while respecting and seeking to understand differences.

For more information visit the AUMA website at <https://www.auma.ca/pledge>



More Information

The Act:

The Local Authorities Election Act and relating regulations can be viewed on the Alberta Queen's Printer website at: Alberta Queen's Printer - LAEA

(<https://www.qp.alberta.ca>)

Recently, the Government of Alberta made changes to the Local Authorities Elections Act. Candidates are encouraged to visit our webpage or the Government of Alberta Webpage ([Local election rule changes | Alberta.ca](#)) for a summary and to learn more about these changes.

More About Thorsby:

Candidates are also encouraged to visit the www.Thorsby.ca to familiarize themselves with Town of Thorsby Bylaws, Policies, and previous Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting Agendas and Minutes.

Specifically related to Council, candidates should also review the

- **Council Code of Conduct**
https://www.auma.ca/sites/default/files/councillor_codes_of_conduct_guidance_document_-_final.pdf, and
- **Pecuniary Interest for Municipal Councillors**
<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/38475205-8c5a-48b8-9761-3372d9069169/resource/e5b52ef5-7026-4e02-9e8b-7f219ea2923a/download/municipality-pecuniary-interest-for-municipal-councillors-2021-01.pdf>



- Roles and responsibilities of municipal officials
<https://www.alberta.ca/roles-and-responsibilities-of-municipal-officials.aspx>
- What every councillor needs to know! : a council member handbook
<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/99f3a22d-1c4a-4ea0-937f-59277245f23e/resource/a5a1e60c-2ecf-4950-8046-18ea139d19e3/download/what-every-councillor-needs-to-know.pdf>
- Closed meetings of council (in-camera)
<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/d8ba7c15-22a0-423b-8529-36772182b687/resource/54bf6612-3390-4b79-bb16-dcab0af2f1a5/download/closed-meetings-of-council-factsheet-20200605.pdf>

Additional Resources

The Government of Alberta has a webpage dedicated to [municipal elections](#).

They have also produced '[A Candidate's Guide: Running for Municipal Office in Alberta](#)' which provides some additional information with respect to running for office in Alberta.

If you are still unsure about anything contained on this page, or have more questions related to the election, please feel free to contact

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