



Municipal By-Election 2026

Town of Sexsmith

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RUNNING FOR
MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN SEXSMITH, ALBERTA.**



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Town of Sexsmith

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Introduction/By-Election 2026

About the Town of Sexsmith

The Town of Sexsmith, Alberta, is a vibrant community that has successfully blended its small-town charm with modern amenities and growth opportunities. With a population of over 2,600 people, it is located just 10 minutes north of Grande Prairie, offering the convenience of proximity to the city while maintaining its own unique character. The town features many recreational facilities such as a skateboard park, splash park, walking trails, and playgrounds, making it an attractive place for families. Additionally, it offers essential services like a medical clinic, pharmacy, and a range of shops.

History of the Name:

The town's name, *Sexsmith*, has piqued interest since its establishment in 1916. Originally, the town was named *Bennville* after early settler J.B. "Benny" Foster, who homesteaded the area in 1911. However, a name change was necessary when it was discovered that there was already a town called Bennville. The town was then named in honor of David Sexsmith, a trapper and trader who arrived in the region in 1898. Sexsmith set up a trading post just north of the current town site in 1912, and in 1916, he re-established his store and post office where the town stands today, coinciding with the arrival of the railroad.

Continued Growth and Modern Development:

Sexsmith has experienced continuous development, with a particular focus on attracting both business and residential growth. The town offers property tax incentives to small businesses and new ventures, actively encouraging entrepreneurship and new investments. The local economy benefits from a thriving agricultural base, as well as the growing interest from businesses and developers. The community has fostered a strong connection to its history, seen in its 1920s-30s themed Main Street and various historical buildings, which are preserved and celebrated by an active museum society.

Overall, the Town of Sexsmith continues to evolve, offering a blend of historical richness, community spirit, and opportunities for both residents and businesses.

Thinking about running for Council?

The role of Mayor or Councillor in a municipality like Sexsmith is indeed one of leadership, responsibility, and active community involvement. Elected officials on the council are tasked with representing the diverse views and opinions of residents, making decisions that shape policies, and guiding the town's growth and development in a way that reflects the community's values and priorities.

While no specific legislative qualifications are required to become a Councillor, there are several key qualities that are highly valued in effective local leaders. **Visionary thinking** is crucial, as it allows leaders to look ahead, anticipate future needs, and develop innovative solutions to challenges. **Strong communication skills**, both in

speaking and listening, are essential for building trust and fostering meaningful dialogue with residents, fellow council members, and other stakeholders.

Conflict resolution skills are also important, as they enable leaders to manage disagreements constructively and find mutually beneficial solutions. Being open to **accepting opposing views** creates an environment where collaboration can thrive, and decisions are made in the best interest of the community as a whole. **Enthusiasm** and **dedication to the community** are fundamental for maintaining motivation and ensuring that the needs of residents are consistently met.

Ultimately, serving as a Mayor or Councillor in Sexsmith offers the chance to make a tangible impact, shaping the town's future and fostering a sense of unity and progress. It is an opportunity to be a champion for the community, to listen, learn, and lead with integrity, all while fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all residents.

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DECIDING TO RUN- Making an informed decision

Running for municipal office is a significant decision that requires careful consideration. Municipal governments are the closest level of government to local citizens, meaning they are directly connected to the needs and expectations of the community. As a local council member, you can have a substantial impact on shaping the future of your town. This responsibility makes the role both rewarding and demanding.

Why Should You Run?

If you're considering running for municipal office, it's important to understand the potential impact you can have. Here are some reasons why you might want to run:

1. **Representation of Your Demographic:** By running for office, you bring your own perspective to the decision-making table. This helps ensure that diverse voices are heard and represented in local government.
2. **Influence Positive Change:** As an elected official, you can directly influence changes that benefit your community, promoting its sustainability and addressing the needs of residents.
3. **Introduce New Ideas:** You have the opportunity to put forward innovative ideas that could lead to positive changes and solutions for the town.
4. **Make a Difference:** You'll have a direct hand in improving the quality of life for your community by helping make decisions that impact education, safety, infrastructure, and more.
5. **Advocacy at Other Levels of Government:** As a council member, you will act as a representative for your community with other levels of government, ensuring your town's needs and interests are recognized.
6. **Teamwork and Collaboration:** Local governments operate as a team, and by running, you'll be part of a group that makes decisions that affect all aspects of community life.

Do You Have the Skills and Knowledge?

You don't need to have formal education or experience in government to run for municipal office. Many successful elected officials come from a variety of backgrounds. Your skills, knowledge, and abilities from various life experiences can be highly transferable to the role of a Councillor.

Before deciding to run, it may be helpful to conduct a self-assessment of your skills:

- **Volunteer Experience:** Have you volunteered for community events, boards, or organizations? Your experience in these areas can demonstrate your commitment to the community.
- **Community Involvement:** Active participation in local initiatives, charities, or groups shows your investment in making the community better.
- **Work Experience:** Skills from your professional career, whether in management, customer service, or technical fields, are all valuable assets.

- **Family Life:** Your life experiences and understanding of family needs in the community can bring valuable perspectives to the council.

Eligibility to Run for Office

Before you officially declare your candidacy, ensure you meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the **Local Authorities Election Act**, specifically in sections 21 to 23. These sections define the criteria for municipal candidates and any conditions under which a person may be disqualified from running.

Some general eligibility criteria include:

- **Age:** You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.
- **Citizenship:** You must be a Canadian citizen.
- **Residency:** You must be a resident of the municipality for a certain period before the election.
- **No Disqualifications:** Certain individuals may be disqualified from running, such as those with criminal convictions or other specific circumstances.

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Eligibility Criteria for Running for Town Council

To run for Town Council in Sexsmith, you must meet certain eligibility requirements. You are **not eligible** to run if:

1. **Employment Restrictions:** You are an employee of the Town of Sexsmith, unless you are granted a leave of absence prior to nomination day.
2. **Auditor Restrictions:** You are an auditor for the Town of Sexsmith.
3. **Outstanding Debts:** You are more than \$50 in arrears on your property taxes or have any debt to the Town of Sexsmith over \$500 that is more than 90 days in default. If unsure, you can contact the Town at **780-568-3681** to check your account status.
4. **Criminal Convictions:** You have been convicted of an offence under the **Local Authorities Election Act**, the **Elections Act**, or the **Canada Elections Act** within the last 10 years.

Time Commitment for Town Council

If you decide to run for council and are elected, you will be committing to your role as councillor, until the next general election in October 2029. Being a Councillor requires dedication and time for several key activities, including:

1. **Regular and Committee of the Whole Meetings:**
 - The Town of Sexsmith holds council meetings every first and third Monday of each month, except for July, August, and December, when there is only one meeting.
2. **Special Meetings of Council:**
 - Additional meetings may be scheduled, such as for budget deliberations in April/May and October/November.
3. **Board and Committee Meetings:**
 - As a Mayor or Councillor, you will be appointed to represent the council on approximately three committees, boards, or agencies, with meeting times that can vary. These could be monthly, quarterly, or less frequent.
4. **Conferences and Training:**
 - As part of the Alberta Municipalities Associations (ABMunis) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), council members have opportunities to attend annual conferences and conventions. These are great for networking and learning.
 - Councillors may also be required to attend additional training, such as **Media Training** or **Elected Officials Training**.
5. **Travel:**
 - While travel is not frequent, there may be opportunities for council members to visit other communities to promote inter-municipal ties and learn about successful initiatives.
 - The Mayor may occasionally need to travel to **Edmonton** or **Calgary** to meet with government officials on behalf of the municipality.

1. **Social and Other Events:**

- Events range from local fundraisers and speeches to representing the municipality at industry-related social functions. The Mayor typically has more involvement in these events, but all council members may be invited to attend.

2. **Background Work:**

- Prior to meetings, you will need to review an Agenda Package that includes reports and correspondence to help prepare for decision-making.
- You may also meet occasionally with the **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)**, who implements the policies and programs set by the council.

3. **Visibility and Public Engagement:**

- As a council member, you will be highly visible in the community. Many residents will approach you with concerns or questions in everyday situations, such as at the post office or at community events. It's essential to be prepared for public interaction at any time.

4. **Balancing Your Life:**

- Council work can be time-consuming, and it's important to find a balance between council responsibilities and personal, family, work, and other commitments.

Running for town council in Sexsmith is a significant time commitment. The role involves regular meetings, representing the town at various events, attending conferences and training, and engaging with the public frequently. It is important to assess your ability to dedicate the necessary time and balance this responsibility with your personal and professional life. If you're ready for the challenge and have a passion for serving your community, being on council can be a rewarding and impactful experience.

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OFFICE FOR ELECTION

Office for Election: Councillor Position in Sexsmith

Office of Councillor

- **Term of Office:** 4 years (until the next general election in October 2029).
- **Number of Councillors:** 1 position is available.

- **Duties of a Councillor:**
 - **Promote Welfare and Interests:** Councillors work to promote the welfare of the Town of Sexsmith.
 - **Public Interaction:** Councillors are available to interact with the public via various channels.
 - **Council Participation:** Councillors attend regular council meetings and Committee of the Whole meetings and vote on important matters like bylaws, policies, budgets, and motions.
 - **Liaison Role:** Like the Mayor, Councillors direct concerns regarding municipal administration to the CAO and stay informed about local issues and legislation.
 - **Community Engagement:** Councillors also attend and participate in community events and functions.
- **Deputy Mayor:**
 - **Role:** The Deputy Mayor serves as a backup to the Mayor, stepping in for them at Council meetings or other functions the Mayor cannot attend.
 - **Rotation:** The Deputy Mayor position rotates every **eight months**. This practice may be continued or adjusted by the newly elected council.
- **Acting Mayor:**
 - **Role:** The Acting Mayor steps in when both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are unavailable, fulfilling the same duties, such as chairing meetings and attending events.
- **Time Commitment:**
 - The Councillor position is also part-time, requiring about **5-15 hours per week**. This can vary depending on emerging issues and the time of year.
 - Councillors are expected to attend **3 Council meetings per month** (two regular meetings and one Committee of the Whole meetings).
 - Councillors also sit on **2-4 boards or committees** per month and may attend additional meetings as needed.
 - Time spent includes preparing for meetings, meeting with residents, liaising with administration, attending public events, and attending other meetings.

General Information for Elected Office

- **Town Council Meetings:**
 - **Regular Council Meetings:** Held on the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
 - **Committee of the Whole Meetings:** Held on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., also at the Council Chambers.
 - **Agenda Packages & Minutes:** You can access the agenda packages and minutes for Council meetings on the **Town of Sexsmith website** (www.sexsmith.ca).

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Council's Powers and Duties in Sexsmith

- **Delegated Authority:** Council's powers are delegated from higher levels of government, and in Sexsmith, its legislative authority stems from an agreement with the **Department of Canadian Heritage**. This gives the Council authority over matters such as land use planning, and development.
- **The Municipal Government Act (MGA):** The MGA is the primary reference for municipal governance in Alberta, granting Council the authority to develop and evaluate municipal programs, policies, and to ensure the municipality's functions are carried out. It also mandates the employment of a **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** who implements Council's decisions and manages municipal employees.

Individual Powers of the Mayor and Council Members

- **Majority Voting:** Each Council member, including the Mayor, has one vote. Decisions require a majority of at least **four votes out of seven** to pass at a public meeting.
- **No Direct Expenditures:** Individual Councillors cannot independently commit the Municipality to expenditures or directly manage municipal employees. Any promises made during campaigning regarding such actions can only be executed with the support of the majority of the Council.
- **Influence Through Persuasion:** As a member of Council, your ability to influence decisions depends on your persuasive ability to convince other members to adopt your point of view.

Setting Policy

- **Annual Budget:** Council sets policies and approves the annual operating and capital budgets, determining which projects and programs will receive municipal funding.
- **Bylaws and Public Policy:** Council also establishes public policy through **bylaws**, which are local laws. Some bylaws are mandatory, while others are optional depending on municipal needs, such as business licensing or traffic safety regulations. These bylaws must be consistent with higher-level government statutes (e.g., the Municipal Government Act, Traffic Safety Act). You can review current bylaws on the Town's website.
- **Strategic Priorities:** Each year, Council sets strategic priorities, which guide administrative staff's work and influences the allocation of funds during the budgeting process. These priorities also inform the public about the Council's progress.

Public Engagement and Speaking

- **Public Speaking:** As a Council member, you should be prepared for **public speaking** at Council meetings, Committee of the Whole meetings, and other committee or board meetings. These sessions are open to the public, and media interviews may also be a part of the role.
- **Media Representation:** The **Mayor** often represents the municipality in speeches and presentations at conferences or public events. Councillors, especially those serving as Deputy or Acting Mayor, may also be called to speak publicly.
- **Networking:** Council members often engage with a variety of individuals, including local residents, fellow Councillors from other municipalities, and government officials. Building relationships is key in advancing the town's interests.

Other Involvement Opportunities

If you decide that running for Council isn't right for you, there are other ways to engage in municipal governance:

- **Boards and Committees:** You can apply to be a public member on one of Sexsmith's **boards or committees**, offering a chance to contribute to the community without holding an elected position.
- **Committee Contact:** For more information about these opportunities, you can contact the **Councillor appointed** to each committee. A list of committee appointments is available on the official website.

Resources for Candidates

- **Municipal Website:** For detailed information on municipal programs, policies, bylaws, and more, visit www.sexsmith.ca.
- **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO):** For inquiries about municipal operations, you can reach out to Rachel Wueschner, the CAO, at:
 - **Phone:** 780-568-3681
 - **Email:** admin@sexsmith.ca

This summary provides an overview of the Council's powers, duties, and available opportunities, helping you make an informed decision about running for office or participating in municipal governance in other ways.

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Boards and Committees

The Mayor and Councillors are appointed on an annual basis to various committees. These appointments are made at the annual Organizational Meeting of Council held in October of each year.

The following list of committees gives a general idea of the number of committees that Council members currently participate in.

Committee & Board Appointments from November 1, 2024, to Organizational meeting in December 2026	
Monthly Meetings	
Corporate Services (Last Monday @ 6:30 p.m.)	South Peace Professional Attraction & Retention (3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.)
Grande Prairie Sports Connection	Sexsmith Agricultural Society (4th Wednesday
Municipal Planning Commission	County Recreation Board
Grande Spirit Foundation	West County Regional Landfill
Community Futures (2nd Thursday)	ICC -Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee
FCSS	Aquatera Utilities
Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association	NAEL - Northern Alberta Elected Leaders
EDAC-Economic Development Advisory Committee	GPRRC -Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee
Sexsmith District Museum Society (3rd Thursday)	Sexsmith Wellness Coalition
PREDA/NTAB	GPREP - Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership
Town of Sexsmith Library Board	Peace Library System Board

Membership

Municipal Planning Commission – Bylaw No. 980, (3) members of Town Council

Corporate Services – Bylaw No. 949, Minimum of (2) maximum of (3) members of Town Council with the Mayor as ex-officio whenever possible

Sexsmith Curling Club – Representative to be selected as meeting arise.

Sexsmith Community Centre Board – Representative to be selected as meeting arise.

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Liabilities and Disqualifications for Councillors

As a Councillor, it is essential to uphold a high standard of integrity, transparency, and responsibility. There are several key aspects you must be aware of, including **pecuniary interest**, **civil liability**, and **disqualifications**.

Pecuniary Interest

As an elected official, you have a duty to disclose any financial interests that may be in conflict with your role. **Pecuniary interest** refers to situations where a Councillor or their family stands to gain or lose financially due to a matter before the Council. This could include business dealings or financial interests that could influence or appear to influence a decision.

What to do if you have a pecuniary interest:

- **Disclosure:** The Councillor must disclose the nature of the interest.
- **Abstention:** The Councillor must abstain from voting or discussing the issue.
- **Exit:** The Councillor must leave the Council Chambers while the matter is being discussed.

For further information on pecuniary interest, refer to the [Municipal Affairs website](#).

Civil Liability

Councillors can be held **civilly liable** in certain situations, including:

- **Unauthorized Expenditures:** If a Councillor approves or makes an expenditure not authorized by the budget or not approved by the Council.
- **Misuse of Funds:** If a Councillor votes to allocate borrowed funds or grant money for a purpose other than what it was intended for.
- **Exceeding Debt Limits:** If a Councillor approves borrowing, loans, or guarantees that exceed the municipality's debt limits.
- **Defamation:** A Councillor can also be held liable for defamation if they make false or harmful statements about others.

Disqualification from Council

A Councillor may be **disqualified** from holding office under the following conditions:

1. **Ineligibility at the Time of Nomination:** If it is found that the Councillor was not eligible to be nominated under the **Local Authorities Election Act**.
2. **Loss of Eligibility:** If a Councillor ceases to meet the eligibility requirements.
3. **Failure to File Disclosure:** If a Councillor fails to file a disclosure statement as required by law.
4. **Absence from Council Meetings:** If a Councillor is absent from all regular meetings for a period of **eight consecutive weeks**.
5. **Criminal Conviction:** If a Councillor is convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for five years or more.
6. **Failure to Vote or Participate:** If a Councillor does not vote on a matter before the Council, unless they are required to abstain, or fails to declare and leave the room when having a pecuniary interest.
7. **Use of Unpublished Information:** If a Councillor uses confidential information for personal gain.
8. **Becomes an Employee of the Municipality:** A Councillor cannot simultaneously be a municipal employee.
9. **Civil Liability:** If the Councillor is found to be civilly liable for any of the actions listed above.

Election Dates and Tentative Schedule

If you decide to run for office, here are the important dates and events related to the election and council schedules:

- **Nomination Period:** From **October 6, 2026**, to **October 26, 2026**.
- **Nomination Day: October 26, 2026**, deadline to submit nomination papers at **12:00 noon**. This is the deadline for submitting your candidacy.
- **Election Day: November 23, 2026**.
- **Special Ballots:** The date by which special ballots must be received by the municipality is still **TBD**.

Tentative Council Calendar

- **Organization Meeting: December 7, 2026**, at **6:30 p.m.** This is when newly elected officials will take the Oath of Office.
- **Regular Council Meeting:** The first regular meeting of the new council will be held on **December 7, 2026** starting at **6:30 p.m.**.

Additional council events and meetings will be scheduled throughout the year, so it's important to be prepared for ongoing commitments.

Council Calendar 2026

2026 COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

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Budget Meetings, 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers	Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers
FCSS, 6:30, Council Chambers	
Day of in lieu of Statutory Holiday on weekend	

Office Closed. 12 PM Dec. 24 to Jan.1

Next Steps – The Nomination Process

If you're still interested in running for Town Council, follow these next steps:

1. Pick Up a Prospective Candidate Package:

This includes official nomination forms and is available at the administration office (9921 – 100 Street) during regular business hours.

2. Contact for More Information:

- Alex Worries (Returning Officer)
 - Phone: 780-568-3681
 - Email: assistcao@sexsmith.ca
 - Alex Worries (Assistant CAO) for general inquiries.

These resources will provide you with the necessary information to guide you through the election process, prepare for your role as a Councillor and become an active participant in the municipal governance of Sexsmith.

Running for Town Council – By- Election 2026

Additional Resources for Running for Municipal Office in Sexsmith

Here are some key resources that can assist you in navigating the municipal election process, the roles and responsibilities of elected officials, and further details about the Town of Sexsmith:

General Information and Legal Framework

- **Municipal Election Overview:**
[Running for Municipal Office in Alberta](#)
- **Municipal Government Act (MGA):**
[Read the MGA](#)
- **Local Authorities Election Act:**
[Read the Local Authorities Election Act](#)
- **Pecuniary Interest for Municipal Councillors:**
[Pecuniary Interest Information](#)
- **Roles and Responsibilities of Municipal Officials:**
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Municipal Associations

- **Alberta Municipalities:**
[Visit Alberta Municipalities](#)
- **Federation of Canadian Municipalities:**
[Visit FCM](#)

Council Governance and Related Resources

- **Reference & Core Documents**
Available on www.sexsmith.ca
- **Bylaw 1108 Procedural Bylaw for Council Meetings**
- **Council Remuneration Policy (Policy Manual)**
- **Council Benefits Policy (Policy Manual)**
- **Council Meeting Agendas & Minutes**
- **Bylaw Directory**
- **Financial Reports**

Code of Conduct for Councillors

With the passing of **Bill 50**, all municipal Codes of Conduct, including the **Town of Sexsmith Bylaw No. 1040**, have been **automatically repealed**. The Government of Alberta has announced its intention to introduce a **standardized provincial Code of Conduct and operating procedures** in **2026**.

In the interim, while there is no formal municipal Code of Conduct in effect, **elected officials are still expected to fulfill their responsibilities in accordance with Section 153 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA)**. This section outlines the general duties of councillors, which include:

- Considering the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole,
- Participating in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality,
- Participating in council and council committee meetings,
- Obtaining information about the operation or administration of the municipality from the Chief Administrative Officer,
- Keeping in confidence matters discussed in closed (in-camera) meetings until they are discussed at a meeting held in public,
- Performing any other duty or function imposed under the MGA or any other enactment.

While not a formal code, these duties reflect the foundational principles of municipal governance.

It is **strongly recommended** that councillors carry out these responsibilities with **respect, integrity, accountability, and a commitment to good governance**. Adhering to these principles will support effective decision-making, foster public trust, and benefit the overall functioning of Council.

Notice of Intent

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 147.22)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Town of Sexsmith, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Election Date: November 23, 2026
date

I, _____, of _____

complete address and postal code

intend to be nominated, or have been nominated, to run for election as a candidate in the _____

name of local jurisdiction and ward, if applicable

I understand that by completing this form, I am declaring my intent to become a candidate as defined in the *Local Authorities Election Act*, which carries with it certain obligations and responsibilities.

Candidate Information

Title	Candidate Last Name	Candidate First Name
Gender	Telephone Number	Email Address

Address of place(s) where candidate records are maintained:

Name(s) and address(es) of financial institutions where campaign contributions will be deposited (if applicable):

Name(s) of signing authorities for each depository listed above (if applicable):

SWORN (AFFIRMED) before me at the _____
of _____, in the Province of Alberta, this _____
day of _____, 20 _____

Signature of Returning Officer or Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public in
and for Alberta

Signature of Candidate

Commissioner for Oaths Stamp

RETURNING OFFICER'S ACCEPTANCE

Returning office signals acceptance by signing this form

Signature of Returning Officer

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO SIGN A FALSE AFFIDAVIT OR A FORM THAT CONTAINS A FALSE STATEMENT

The personal information collected through this form is for administering the election. This collection is authorized by section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. For questions about the collection of personal information, contact your local municipal office.



AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Town of Sexsmith may receive requests for personal information regarding candidates running for office in the 2025 Municipal Election from organizations, individuals and media. The Local Authorities Election Act, Section 28(6) states:

(6) At any time after the commencement of the nomination period until the term of office to which the filed nomination papers relate has expired, a person may request to examine the filed nomination papers during regular business hours and in the presence of the returning officer, deputy or secretary.

The Town of Sexsmith, therefore, can release the information as stated on the nomination forms but cannot release personal information such as mailing address or telephone number without the candidate's consent.

Please fill in the information that you will allow to be released.

Please print clearly as this will be printed on ballots.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fax: _____

DISCLAIMER

I _____, as potential candidate for the position of _____, give permission of my name and telephone number to be released for publication purposes, both to the media and the Town of Sexsmith for the use on their website.

Signature

Date

Personal information provided on this form is collected under section 4(c) of Alberta's Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of administering the municipal election and recording the candidate's consent to the disclosure and publication of the contact information identified on this form. Information the candidate authorizes for release may be provided to requesting organizations, individuals and media and may be published on the Town of Sexsmith's website. Personal information will be protected in accordance with the Protection of Privacy Act. Questions about the collection of personal information may be directed to the Access & Privacy Officer, Town of Sexsmith, by email at accounting@sexsmith.ca or by mail at Box 420, Sexsmith, AB T0H 3C0.

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Administrative Supervisor, Town of Sexsmith

780-568-7245

Business Title/Organization

Business Phone Number

9921 100 Street PO Box 420

Sexsmith

AB

T0H 3C0

Address

City or Town

Province

Postal Code

Candidate's Full Name

Candidate's Address and Postal Code

Address(es) of Place(s) where Candidate Records are Maintained

Name(s) and Address(es) of Financial Institutions where Campaign Contributions will be Deposited (if applicable)

Name(s) of Signing Authorities for each Depository Listed Above (if applicable)

Where there is any change in the above mentioned information, the candidate shall notify the local jurisdiction in writing within 48 hours of such changes by submitting a completed information form.

Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance

Local Authorities Election Act
(Sections 12, 21, 22, 23, 23.1, 27, 28,
47, 68.1, 151, 158.3, Part 5.1)
Education Act (Sections 4(4), 74)

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LOCAL JURISDICTION: Town of Sexsmith, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

We, the undersigned electors of Town of Sexsmith,
Name of Local Jurisdiction and Ward (if applicable)

nominate _____ of
Candidate's Surname and Given Names

Complete Address and Postal Code

as a candidate at the election about to be held for the office of Councillor,
Office Nominated for

of Town of Sexsmith,
Name of Local Jurisdiction

The candidate's local political party or slate is _____ (if applicable).

Provide signatures of at least **5 ELECTORS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE** in this election in accordance with sections 27 and 47 of the *Local Authorities Election Act* and sections 4(4) and 74 of the *Education Act* (if applicable). If a city or a board of trustees under the *Education Act* passes a bylaw under section 27(2) of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, then the signatures of up to 100 electors eligible to vote may be required.

Printed Name of Elector	Complete Address and Postal Code of Elector	Signature of Elector

CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE

I, the above-named candidate, solemnly swear (affirm) that

I am eligible under sections 21 and 47 (and section 12, in the case of summer villages) of the *Local Authorities Election Act* and sections 4(4) and 74 of the *Education Act* (if applicable) to be elected to the office,

I am not otherwise disqualified under section 22, 23 or 23.1 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*,

I will accept the office if elected,

I have read sections 12, 21, 22, 23, 23.1, 27, 28, 47, 68.1 and 151 and Part 5.1 of the *Local Authorities Election Act* and sections 4(4) and 74 of the *Education Act* (if applicable) and understand their contents,

I am appointing _____

Name, Contact Information or Complete Address and Postal Code, and Telephone Number of Official Agent

as my official agent (if applicable),

I have provided a criminal record check with my nomination package (if applicable),

I will read and abide by the municipality's code of conduct if elected (if applicable), and

The electors who have signed this nomination paper are eligible to vote in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act* and the *Education Act* and resident in the local jurisdiction on the date of signing the nomination.

(Print name as it should appear on the ballot.)

Candidate's Surname

Candidate's Given Names
(may include nicknames, but not titles, i.e. Mr., Ms, Dr.)

SWORN (AFFIRMED) before me

at the _____ of _____,

in the Province of Alberta,

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Signature of Candidate

Signature of Returning Officer or
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