



**Municipal Elections
Sunday November 5th, 2017**

It is important to participate!

Message from the Returning Officer

On Sunday, November 5th, 2017, municipal elections will be held to elect a municipal council for a four-year term, until November 2021. I am pleased to provide you with a summary of the information that will allow you to participate, whether it is by going to vote or, as a candidate.

To complete this important democratic exercise, our team will ensure that all the operations leading to the announcement of the results are properly carried out on November 5th. We also invite you to pay attention to the notices and mailings sent by the Town of Bedford, as they will contain essential information indicating the steps that you will have to take within statutory deadlines, if necessary, to enable you, as a citizen, to exercise your rights.

This document features the essential information necessary to ensure that you are registered on the municipal electoral list, allowing you to vote on November 5th.

I invite you to read it.

The Returning Officer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy Coulombe".

Guy Coulombe
Director General and Secretary-Treasurer

Who can vote?

Only an elector who, at the time of voting, will be entered on the municipal electoral list of the Town of Bedford shall have the right to vote.

To be entered on the municipal electoral list, you must:

- be a natural person;
- be at least 18 years old on November 5th, 2017;

And as of September 1st, 2017, you must;

- be a Canadian citizen;
- not be under curatorship or have been accused of an offense constituting a fraudulent electoral maneuver;
- be domiciled in Bedford and for at least six months, and in the Province of Quebec since March 1st, 2017;
- if not domiciled in Bedford, have been the owner of an immovable or occupant of a business establishment located on the territory of the Town of Bedford for at least twelve months, namely since September 1st, 2016.

The owners or co-owners of an immovable and the occupants or co-occupants of a business establishment who qualify as electors may vote, if they have submitted an application for registration or a power of attorney, as the case may be. This application must be received by the Returning Officer, no later than 1:00 pm on October 20th, 2017. Until such date, applications for registration and proxies will be forwarded to the Review Board for processing.

Any corporation, association, union and other cannot vote (eg, inc., COOP, Corp., Ltd., etc.).

Filing a Nomination Paper

Who can apply to be a member of the municipal council?

Is eligible for a position as municipal council member:

- anyone who has the right to be registered on the municipal electoral list;
- anyone who resides, on an ongoing basis or not, on the territory of the Town of Bedford since at least twelve months, namely since September 1st, 2017;

How to present yourself as a Candidate?

Any eligible person may apply for a position as municipal council member by filing a nomination paper at the office of the Returning Officer, from September 22th to October 6th, 2017, during the following opening hours

- Monday to Thursday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Except for October 6, 2017, when the offices will be open from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm without interruption.

The announcement of the end of the nomination period will be made on the last day, shortly after 4:30 pm, in the boardroom on the second floor of the Town Hall of Bedford.

The nomination paper is available at the office of the Returning Officer at the Town Hall of Bedford and on the *Directeur général des élections du Québec (DGEQ)* website at www.electionsquebec.qc.ca.

Advance poll

Anyone registered on the municipal electoral list can vote in advance on Sunday, October 29th, 2017, from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Salle d'Age d'Or at the Georges-Perron Community Center, 14 Philippe-Côté Street, Bedford.

Mobile poll

May vote, at a mobile polling station, on Sunday October 29th, 2017 anyone who is entered on the municipal electoral list as a person domiciled in a hospital center, a residential and long-term care center, in a rehabilitation center or in a private residence for seniors identified in the *Loi sur les services de santé et les services sociaux* register, and that meets all the following conditions:

- is unable to move
- made a written request to the Returning Officer no later than October 25th, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

Poll day

The general elections will be held on Sunday November 5th, 2017.

The polling station is located at the Georges-Perron Community Center, 14 Philippe-Côté Street Bedford, Arlene-Murray room, and will be opened from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The preparation of the municipal electoral list

The municipal electoral list of the Town of Bedford is made from the permanent electoral list maintained by the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec (DGEQ), to which are added the owners of an immovable and the occupants of the establishment who have submitted their application for registration or power of attorney to Returning Officer.

The municipal electoral list will be filed no later than October 6th, 2017 and will be available for viewing as of October 10th, 2017 at the Bedford Town Hall. It will come into force no later than October 27th, 2017.

Where and when to make the revision?

The Review Commission will be available to receive requests for revision at the reception of the Town Hall, 1 Principale Street, during the following opening hours:

- - October 24th - between 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm
- - October 25th - between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Identity document to be submitted at the time of voting

A voter must establish their identity, by presenting:

- health insurance card;
- driver's license;
- Canadian passport;
- or any other document which was delivered by the government, one of its ministries or one of its agencies.

Each voter registered on the municipal electoral list must establish their identity with the scrutineer

before being allowed to vote, by presenting one of the documents required by law, namely:

- health insurance card;
- certificate of Indian status;
- driver's license or probationary license;
- Canadian Forces card;
- Canadian passport.

If you do not have any of these documents with you, you will be able to identify yourself by presenting yourself at the identity verification table that will be on site, both on polling day and advance polling day. You must present at least two documents proving your identity or be accompanied by another elector who attests your identity and address.

Results of the ballot

The election results will be announced by the Returning Officer on November 5th, 2017 in the Arlene-Murray room at the Georges-Perron Community Center as soon as the vote count is completed, namely after 8:00 pm. You are welcome to attend.

The results will also be available on our website at www.ville.bedford.qc.ca

Importante dates

Revision commission	October 24 and 25, 2017
Mobile poll	October 28, 2017
Advance poll	October 29, 2017
Poll day	November 5, 2017

Information

Returning Officer's address:	Town Hall of Bedford 1, Principale Street Bedford (Québec) J0J 1A0
Telephone :	450-248-2440
Opening hours :	Monday to Thursday : from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm 13:00 pm to 16:30 pm Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Website :	www.ville.bedford.qc.ca

For more information on elections, refer to the *Loi sur les élections et les référendums dans les municipalités*, L.R.Q., chapitre E-2.2, or to the website of the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec (DGEQ) at the following address: www.electionsquebec.qc.ca.