

2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

The 2022 municipal election is fast approaching. Toronto will elect:

- A Mayor: elected city-wide
- 25 City Councilors: one is elected in each of the 25 wards (a geographic area of the city).
- School Board Trustees. English public, English Catholic, French public and French Catholic.

Municipal governments in Ontario are responsible for providing many of the services within their local boundaries that we rely on daily basis, such as:

Airports, Ambulance, Animal Control and By-law Enforcement, Arts and Culture, Child Care, Economic Development, Fire Services, Garbage Collection and Recycling, Electric Utilities, Library Services, Long Term Care and Senior Housing, Maintenance of Local Road Network, Parks and Recreation, Public Transit, Planning New Community Developments and Enhancing Existing Neighbourhoods, Police Services, Property Assessment, Provincial Offences Administration, Public Health, Side Walks, Snow Removal, Social Services, Social Housing, Storm Sewers, Tax Collection and Water and Sewage.

School boards are responsible for:

- determining the number, size and location of schools;
- building, equipping and furnishing schools;
- providing education programs that meet the needs of the school community, including needs for special education;
- prudent management of the funds allocated by the province to support all board activities, including education programs for elementary and secondary school students, and the building and maintaining of schools;
- preparing an annual budget;
- supervising the operation of schools and their teaching programs;
- developing policy for safe arrival programs for elementary schools;
- establishing a school council at each school;
- hiring teachers and other staff;
- helping teachers improve their teaching practices;
- teacher performance;
- approving schools' textbook and learning materials choices, based on the list of approved materials provided by the Ministry of Education;
- enforcing the student attendance provisions of the Education Act; and
- ensuring schools abide by the Education Act and its regulations.



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Why is it important to vote and get more politically involved?

- Despite the hard work and advocacy efforts of the highly diverse residents of our community, Jane-Finch continues to be the most disadvantaged neighborhood in Toronto. We face numerous systemic issues created and perpetuated throughout the past four decades. We face a higher rate of unemployment, low income, child/youth and overall racialization of poverty comparing to most neighborhoods in Toronto.
- A brief look at the responsibilities of the municipal government and the issues identified by community members, including accessible and affordable public transit, lack of affordable housing, disparities in accessing public health, having the lowest equity scores amongst all neighbourhoods in Toronto and being the first on the list of the most systemically disadvantaged and excluded neighbourhoods out of all Neighbourhood Improvement Areas, systemic racism in policing and the challenges facing our schools' infrastructures and the quality of public education, is more than enough to highly motivate us to take the upcoming municipal election seriously.
- Our involvement, during the election and on an ongoing basis, can ensure that elected officials are more responsive to the diverse needs of community members, not just the specific interests of those in advantageous positions.

Our vote can make a difference, but it won't be enough.

We encourage all community members to be part of ongoing community led efforts to make our voices heard and to hold elected officials at all levels of government accountable.

Please attend one of our workshops on the Municipal Election, and contact the community development team at the Jane/Finch Centre to find out how you can get more involved.

Click here to learn more about the mayoral candidates, as well as the councillors and trustees running in your ward.

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