

## Municipal Election – October 17, 2020

**Returning Officer – Ted Bulley**

**Assistant Returning Officer – Shelley Connolly – [sconnolly@regionofqueens.com](mailto:sconnolly@regionofqueens.com)**

### What are the Qualifications to Run for Council?

In order to run for Council (Mayor or Councillor) you must:

- Be 18 years of age at the time of nomination
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be ordinarily resident in the Municipality for 6 months preceding nomination day (by March 17, 2020), and continue to so reside
- Must ensure that all municipal charges that are taxes and liens that are due have been fully paid as of nomination day. A certificate must be signed by the municipality official who is qualified to do so
- A nomination deposit of \$200 will be required

You do not need to reside in the polling district of the municipality in which you wish to seek election, as long as you meet the residency requirement of six months in Queens County.

### Key Dates for Quick Reference

<b>March 17, 2020</b>	<b>Residency required to qualify as candidate in Queens County</b>
<b>September 8, 2020</b> (nomination can be filed by appointment with the Returning Officer in the seven business days prior to Nomination Day (Aug. 27-Sept. 8, 2020))	<b>Nomination Day</b>
<b>October 8, 2020</b>	<b>First Advance Poll</b>
<b>October 13, 2020</b>	<b>Second Advance Poll</b>
<b>October 17, 2020</b>	<b>Election Day</b>

Many candidates will receive contributions toward the cost of mounting an election campaign. The law is that a candidate has a responsibility to disclose the names of the donors of more than \$50 to his/her campaign, and the amount of the contributions. All candidates must file a financial disclosure form, even if they had no contributions to their campaigns. As noted above, any contributions of \$50 or more must be appropriately documented.