

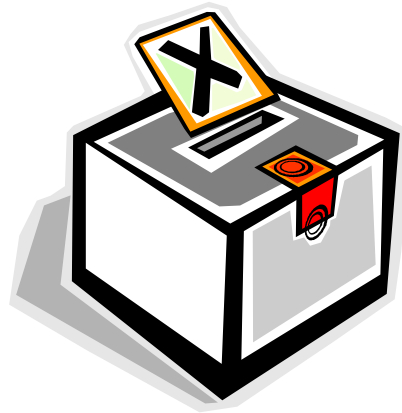
Village of Stirling

2025 General Election

Nomination Package



STIRLING



IMPORTANT DATES

January 1, 2025: Nomination period begins

May 1, 2025: Election advertising period begins

May 30, 2025: Amended candidate campaign disclosure statements due

September 22, 2025: Nomination Day. Close of nominations at 12:01pm

September 23, 2025: Withdrawal deadline no later than 12:00pm in writing at the Village Office at 237 – 4 Avenue, Stirling, Alberta

October 2, 2025: Advanced voting 9:00am – 3:00pm at 237 – 4 Avenue, Stirling, Alberta

Election Day: October 20, 2025 – 10:00am to 8:00pm at the Stirling Community Centre

Deadline to Receive a Request for a Recount: October 22, 2025 by 4:00pm (within 44 hours immediately following the closing of the voting stations)

Last Day for Complete Recount (if required) : October 24, 2025 by 12:00pm

Official Results Announced: October 24 at 12:00pm

Last Day for an elector to request a judicial recount: November 8, 2025

Campaign Period Ends: December 31, 2025

Nomination Period

Nomination Papers are to be received by the Returning Officer beginning January 1, 2025 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays, and no later than September 22, 2025 at 12:00pm in the Village Administration Office located at 237 – 4th Avenue, Stirling, Alberta, T0K 2E0.

Candidates must fill out a [Notice of Intent](#) form.

Candidates must submit their Nomination Papers in person. Nomination Papers may be examined by any person, with the presence of the Returning Officer. The examination of Nomination Papers must be done during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

All Nomination Papers must be fully completed before submission. Forms that are incomplete or contain errors will not be accepted.

Election Day

The election will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025 between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Stirling Community Centre, 409 – 2nd Street, Stirling, Alberta, T0K 2E0.

Candidate Eligibility

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/services/political-activities/i-want-to-become-a-candidate.html>

According to *Sections 21 – 23* of the [Local Authorities Election Act](#), an individual is eligible to be nominated as a candidate if the person is:

- (a) is eligible to vote in that election,
- (b) has been a resident of the local jurisdiction and the ward, if any, for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day, and
- (c) is not otherwise ineligible or disqualified.

According to *Section 22* of the Local Authorities Election Act, a person is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate if the person:

- (a) the person is the auditor of the local jurisdiction for which the election is to be held;
- (b) subject to subsection (4), 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 under this section;

(c) the person is indebted to the municipality of which the person is an elector for taxes in default exceeding \$50, excluding from that amount

(i) any indebtedness for current taxes, and

(ii) 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;

(d) the person is indebted to the local jurisdiction for which the election is to be held for any debt equaling or exceeding \$500 and in default for more than 90 days;

(d.1) the person has, within the previous 10 years, been convicted of an offence under this Act, the *Election Act*, the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* or the *Canada Elections Act* (Canada).

(e),(f) repealed 2006 c22 s13.

Voter Eligibility

According to **Section 47** of the Local Authorities Election Act:

A person is eligible to vote in an election held pursuant to this Act if the person

(a) is at least 18 years old,

(b) is a Canadian citizen, and

(c) resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day.

Additional Information

1) RESEARCH

Are you wondering what it means to be the Mayor or a Councillor in municipal government? If you are deciding whether running for office is right for you, consider a variety of research, such as:

(a) Read "[A Candidate's Guide: Running for Local Elected Office in Alberta](#)"

(b) Read "[Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest for Councillors](#)"

- (c) View 2025 Municipal Election Prospective Candidates:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgou_qQG9_mMOmp-3qmwE0HzsvhBbzjcU
- (d) Roles and Responsibilities of Municipal Officials:
<https://www.alberta.ca/roles-and-responsibilities-of-municipal-officials>
- (e) Read “[What Every Councillor Needs to Know](#)”
- (f) Attend Council meetings (the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays every month)
- (g) Speak with Returning Officer Scott Donselaar at the Village Administration Office (403-756-3379 or cao@stirling.ca)
- (h) Speak with residents of the Village of Stirling
- (i) Speak with the current Councillors of the Village of Stirling
- (j) Rural Municipalities of Alberta – Thinking of Running for Municipal Office?
<https://rmalberta.com/advocacy/municipal-election-awareness/>
- (k) Rural Municipalities of Alberta – Making a difference in your community:
<https://www.abmunis.ca/advocacy-resources/running-municipal-office>

2) PUBLIC FORUM

The Village of Stirling does not organize or participate in public forums for candidates. Candidates or an interested group may organize such a forum, and the Village will make the community centre available upon request.

3) SIGNAGE

- No signage is permitted:
 - To be stapled or taped to telephone or power poles.
 - On public property, such as churches, schools, parks or municipal facilities.
 - At any polling station.
- Signs are permitted on boulevards only with permission of the property owner on whose residence the signage is located.
- Signs must be removed from all sites within 24 hours of the election. If the signs are not removed, the Village crew will be instructed to remove and dispose of them.

4) *POLLING STATION*

- The advanced polling station is designated as the Stirling Administration Office, located at 237 – 4 Avenue, Stirling, Alberta, T0K 2E0.
- The polling station is designated as the Stirling Community Centre, located at 409 – 2 Street, Stirling, Alberta, T0K 2E0; and includes all facilities which share the same building, grounds, parking lot and public sidewalk around the facility.
- On Election Day, no candidate or agent is permitted to greet voters at the polling station. However, a designated area will be available for all candidates, or their agent, to observe the election process.
- An agent must be designated in advance on the authorized form.
- The candidate or agent may be present during the counting of the ballots. Only one (1) representative for each candidate may be present.

JOINT COUNCIL ORIENTATION AGENDA

County of Warner, Town of Milk River, Town of Raymond, Village of Coutts,
Village of Stirling, Village of Warner

October 23, 2025

ASB Building – Warner, AB

8:45 a.m. Welcome – Introductions between the Councillors, overview of the day, etc.

9:00 a.m. Roles and Responsibilities – Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer

12:00 p.m. Lunch – Soup and sandwiches

1:00 p.m. Assessment and Taxation – Benchmark Assessment

2:00 p.m. Planning and Development – Oldman River Regional Service Commission

4:00 p.m. Emergency Management – Nikki Paul