



Thunder Bay  
Votes



## APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE EL12A-CTB

*Municipal Elections Act, 1996, section 16*

### FOR THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

#### Candidate

Name of Candidate (please print)

Candidate for the Office of (check one)

- Mayor
- Councillor at Large
- Ward Councillor, \_\_\_\_\_ Ward
- School Trustee – Lakehead District School Board
- School Trustee – Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board

#### Scrutineer Appointment

Name of Scrutineer Appointed (please print)

I appoint the individual noted above as a scrutineer to represent me in the City of Thunder Bay 2022 Municipal Election.

Date

this          day of          , 2022

Signature of Candidate (must be signed in person at City Hall)

Date

this          day of          , 2022

Signature of Witness -Election Official

#### Instructions to Scrutineer

- Scrutineers arriving at a voting location must show this form and proof of identification to the election officials and take an oath of secrecy.
- Candidates arriving at a Voting Location must show this form and personal identification to the election officials and take an oath of secrecy. A candidate who enters a Voting Location is considered to be a scrutineer unless they are present to vote.
- Only one scrutineer per candidate may be at each ballot issuing station in the Voting Location and at the vote tabulator.
- Regarding internet voting, after producing the prescribed documents, Scrutineers will be provided access to a Candidate module, showing them a voter sequence number and/or the elector names who are entitled to vote for their designate office, allowing them to identify, observe, and list all electors that have participated. Scrutineers may log in to the system any time after the election has started and voters have cast ballots, and determine who has voted.

**Instructions to Scrutineer, cont'd**

- After producing the prescribed documents, they may attend a Voter Help Centre during hours of operation to observe the process. Scrutineers, who do not follow the instructions of the Clerk or election official, or who attempt to interfere, influence or determine how an elector is voting, will be requested to leave the Voter Help Centre immediately. Their appointment will be revoked and they will not be permitted to re-attend a Voter Help Centre.

**Rights and Prohibitions**

**Scrutineers or candidates can:**

- Enter the Voting Location 15 minutes before it opens and inspect the ballot boxes and the ballots and all other papers, forms and documents relating to the vote (but not so as to delay the timely opening of the Voting Location).
- Place their own seal on the ballot box, immediately before the opening of the Voting Location, so that ballots can be deposited in the box and cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal.
- Examine each ballot as they are fed into the vote tabulator (but not touch the ballot).
- Object to a ballot or to the counting of votes in a ballot.
- Sign the statement of the results of the election prepared by the deputy returning officer.
- Place their own seal on the ballot box immediately after the close of voting on each day of an advance vote, so that ballots cannot be deposited or withdrawn without breaking the seal.
- Examine the Voters' List periodically to determine who has voted or to count how many Electors have voted but may not interfere with the conduct of the voting process.
- Be present at the time and place where results are received by the Clerk, including signing the results report indicating the final results and votes cast.

**Scrutineers or candidates cannot:**

- Sit at the tables provided for election officials.
- Enter a voting booth while occupied or be near enough to the vote tabulator to see how a voter has marked their ballot.
- Campaign at the Voting Location.
- Attempt, directly or indirectly, to interfere with how an elector votes
- Display a candidate's election material (including buttons, pins, etc.) in a Voting Location.
- Compromise the secrecy of voting.
- Obtain or attempt to obtain, in a Voting Location, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Communicate any information obtained at a Voting Location about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Park a vehicle displaying campaign material in the parking lot of the Voting Location.

**NOTE:**

- It is no longer mandatory that scrutineers be 16 years of age or older to work at an election.
- The Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) is responsible for the conduct of the Voting Location and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the DRO in the discharge of his or her duties.
- Anyone who is creating a disturbance at a Voting Location will be removed by the DRO.
- The seal(s) must not contain any writing that could be considered "election campaigning", therefore, the name of the candidate is not permitted on the seal;
- Scrutineers/candidates who wish to have a discussion with another candidate or scrutineer must leave the Voting Location to carry on their discussion outside of the Voting Location.
- No campaign material or literature of any nature whatsoever shall be displayed within the Voting Location. The boundaries of the Voting Location are the boundaries of the property where the Voting Location is located and includes the parking lot.
- Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the transmission of results must be at the Voting Location prior to the closing of the voting location at 8:00 p.m. No one will be admitted to the Voting Location after 8:00 p.m.
- Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the counting of advance votes must be at City Hall prior to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- The total of votes cast for each candidate as counted by the vote tabulating equipment is final. The DRO is not required to do a second recount.