

**SERVICE**

**Municipal Elections**

**Who We Are**

The Municipal Elections office, under the direction and authority of the City Clerk, provides the administration of the election process for the City and four of the region's school boards. This involves the operation of polling stations, securing, testing and verifying election technology, hiring and training election workers and ensuring policies and procedures comply with legislation.

**What We Do**

The Municipal Elections office ensures a fair election process for residents of the community.

**Why We Do It**

**Mandatory** – The Municipal Elections Act regulates the conduct of municipal and school board elections.

\* **\$0.00**

**per day**

for the average ratepayer (2020-2023)

\* **0.00%**

of the 2020-2023 City of London Net  
Property Tax Supported Budget

\* Municipal Elections are funded through an average annual contribution of \$444,728 to the Municipal Elections Reserve Fund. These contributions are part of the Financial Management program. If reflected here it would account for roughly \$0.01 per day and 0.07% respectively.

The following table provides an overview of the budget for the service:

<b>Budget Summary (\$000's)</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2020-2023 TOTAL</b>
Gross Operating Expenditures	\$94	\$89	\$2,009	\$861	<b>\$3,053</b>
Other Revenues	(\$94)	(\$89)	(\$2,009)	(\$861)	<b>(\$3,053)</b>
<b>Net Tax Levy Supported Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Total Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's)	0	1	6	0.5	

Reflects 2020 – 2023 Housekeeping Budget Adjustments up to August 31, 2020.

The following section provides an overview of the key activities the service plans to undertake from 2020-2023 to implement the Corporation's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, as well as an overview of the risks and challenges the service is anticipated to experience during this period:

<b>Service Highlights 2020-2023</b>
<p><u>Strengthening Our Community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance public trust and confidence by strengthening relationships with post-secondary institutions that promote positive, proactive and meaningful dialogue regarding municipal elections.</li> <li>• Increase opportunities for residents to be informed and participate in local government by developing citizen engagement strategies through research and consultation with other levels of government. Partner with community organizations early in the process to create strategies and plans for administering the election.</li> </ul> <p><u>Leading in Public Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase access to information to support the administration of the municipal election. Launch election data in a visual and user friendly format. Continue research and engagement to identify new and emerging election trends.</li> <li>• Monitor and report on Ranked Ballots in the City of London and provide feedback to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.</li> <li>• Support and engage with other municipalities on election trends and information.</li> <li>• Increase education about and awareness and use of alternative vote methods (vote by mail) to make sure that people are getting the election services they need when they need it.</li> </ul>

## Risks and Challenges Anticipated in 2020-2023

- Provincial legislation changes have the potential to impact timeline, budget, administration and service delivery of elections.

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