



Township of Springwater Municipal & School Board Election Election Day - October 26, 2026

To:	All Township Departments, Community Recreation Associations, Township of Springwater Committees, Elmvale Business Improvement Area, Springwater Public Library, and Springwater Farmers Market – Elmvale
From:	Renée Ainsworth, Clerk
Date:	April 21, 2026
Re:	2026 Municipal Elections – Campaigning at Municipal Events or on Municipal Property

As we head into the 2026 election season, please be advised that there are restrictions surrounding political campaigning and partisan activities at all Township sanctioned/hosted event as well as on any Township property.

As a department, committee or board of the Township of Springwater, any event you host is considered a Township sanctioned/hosted event. As such, the following regulations and restrictions are in place until October 26, 2026:

- Political Campaigning and Partisan Activities are prohibited at all events. Campaigning means: working in an organized and active way towards a particular candidate(s) or the election in general and includes any materials (buttons, t-shirts, signs, flyers etc) at the event or event grounds; rental of space or booth at an event for campaign purposes; stopping or actively seeking out attendees for campaign purposes. These restrictions also apply to Third-Party Advertisers, who are registered with the Township to provide paid advertisements relating to the election. Township of Springwater election officials are exempt and shall be permitted to promote election information for electors at Township events.
- Political Campaigning or Partisan Activities is restricted from being conducted at a committee or board meeting. **This includes soliciting endorsement signatures.**
- Township Departments, Committees and Boards are prohibited from hosting a Candidate Debate, promoting such debate or providing funding towards a debate. Any debates must be organized by non-Township groups and organizations.

- Campaign or political materials are not permitted to be placed within a Township facility, software, program, website or printed materials. This includes the Administration Centre, Community Halls, the Arena, Township Yards and their properties. This also includes any websites, social media and electronic mail or printed material. The Elmvale Library shall be exempt and allow all candidates to place campaign materials in a pre-determined location within each of its branches, at the discretion of the Library CEO.
- Everyone is encouraged to share or post Township election materials, including the Unofficial/Certified List of Candidates, Voters Information or general election information. Approved information can be found on the Township website at www.springwater.ca/elections.
- Candidates may only undertake campaigning on Township properties/facilities provided they have paid full-market rental fees and rates for use of such facilities and have otherwise complied with any other Township of Springwater policy pertaining to the use of such facilities. The Administration Centre, located at 2231 Nursery Rd shall not be rented for any campaigning purposes.

The Township Election Team is looking for opportunities to conduct general election education/voter registration at upcoming events. If your committee or board/CRA is hosting an event before October 26th, please let the Clerks team know. If each group could provide us with a list of their events, and how to request a booth/table, it would be greatly appreciated.

Non-Township Events:

Campaigning at a non-Township event is at the discretion of the event organizers.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact a members of the Clerks Department at clerks@springwater.ca or via telephone at 705-728-4784 x 2304.