

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Qualifications

A person may be nominated as a candidate in a municipal election if he or she is:

- At least 18 years of age on date of election;
- A Canadian citizen;
- Eligible to vote in the municipality;
- A resident of Saskatchewan; and
- Not disqualified by any Act.

No person may be nominated or elected as:

- A member of a council for more than one division; or
- A councillor of a division and the reeve of the municipality.

A member of council whose term of office expires with the upcoming election is not required to resign to seek election for the office of reeve or councillor.

A member of council whose term of office does not expire with the upcoming election is required to resign in order to seek election for the office of councillor of a different division or for the office of reeve.

- The resignation must be effective no later than immediately prior to the submission of the candidate's nomination.
- The resignation can not be revoked.
- Where a councillor whose term does not expire within the current year submits his or her resignation to the administrator not less than 15 days prior to the close of the nomination period, the RO shall include that office in the upcoming annual election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Disqualification

Persons who are not qualified to be nominated or elected as a member of council include:

- A paid employee of the rural municipality, or a person who stands in or is responsible for the employee;
- An auditor of the rural municipality, or a person who has been the municipality's auditor within the two years preceding the date of the election; or
- Any person who has a direct or indirect contract with or on behalf of the municipality.

Not Disqualified

Certain exceptions to the disqualifications noted above are legislatively defined, specifically:

- Being a shareholder in a company having a contract with the municipality;
- Having a contract with the municipality to publish advertisements in a newspaper;
- Having a contract or agreement with the municipality on terms that are common to all voters within the municipality;
- Having a contract to provide goods and services that are not readily available from any other municipal resident, provided that:
 - The price is reasonable; and

- Every member of council who was present and able to vote (i.e. they themselves where not subject to pecuniary interest) voted in favour of the contract.

Specific circumstances may cause voters to question a candidate's eligibility; however they are not disqualified because of these. Most notable are:

- Being bankrupt;
- Being an ex convict; or
- Being indebted to the municipality.