

DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS COUNCIL
Municipal Elections Act, 1996

I, _____, a nominated candidate for the office of:

- Mayor
- Councillor, Ward _____
- Regional Councillor or

Do Solemnly Declare That:

1. I am qualified pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and the *Municipal Act, 2001* to be elected to and to hold the office of:
 - Mayor
 - Councillor, Ward _____.
 - Regional Councillor
2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1, I am at least eighteen years of age, a Canadian citizen, a resident of the Township of West Lincoln or the owner or tenant of land in the Township of West Lincoln or the spouse of such owner or tenant.
3. I am not ineligible or disqualified under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* or any other *Act* to be elected to or hold the above-mentioned office.
4. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 3,
 - I am not an employee of the Township of West Lincoln, or if I am an employee of the Township of West Lincoln, I am on an unpaid leave of absence as provided for by section 30 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
 - I am not a judge of any court.
 - I am not a member of the Assembly as provided in the *Legislative Assembly Act* or of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada or, if I am such a person, I will provide proof of my resignation in a form satisfactory to the Clerk of the Township of West Lincoln prior to 2:00 p.m. on nomination day, August 21 2026. I understand that the Clerk of the Township of West Lincoln will reject my nomination for the above-mentioned office if I fail to provide proof of resignation by this deadline.
 - I am not a member of the Executive Council of Ontario or a federal Minister of the Crown.
 - I am not a public servant within the meaning of the *Public Service of Ontario Act, 2006*, or if I am a public servant, I have followed and will continue to follow all the relevant provisions of Part V of such Act.
 - I am not a Federal employee within the meaning of the *Public Service Employment Act*, or if I am a Federal employee, I have followed and will continue to follow all the relevant provisions of Part 7 of such Act.
5. I am not prohibited from voting at the municipal election under subsection 17(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
6. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 5,
 - I am not a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
7. I am not prohibited because of conviction of a corrupt practice described in subsection 90(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, from voting in a municipal election.
8. I am not a person who was convicted of a corrupt practice under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or of an offence under the *Criminal Code* (Canada), in connection with an act or omission with respect to a municipal election during the last two regular elections prior to Monday, October 26, 2026.
9. I am not disqualified from being elected to or holding office by reason of any violations of the election campaign financial requirements or violations for not filing the financial statement pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

AND I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

Declared before me at the Township of West Lincoln, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

This _____ day of _____, 2026

(Signature of Candidate)

(Signature of Clerk or designate)

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and will be used for the nomination process for office in the municipal election and will be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk, Township of West Lincoln until the next municipal election. Questions about this collection of personal information should be directed to the Clerk, Township of West Lincoln, 318 Canborough St. P.O. Box 400, Smithville, ON L0R 2A0 Telephone 905-957-3346.