

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where do I submit my nomination papers?

A. Nomination papers must be submitted to the Returning Officer (or Substitute returning officer) at Leduc County Centre. The candidate may deliver them in-person or have an agent deliver them on their behalf. If someone other than the candidate delivers the papers, Form 4 – Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance must be signed by a solicitor or Commissioner for Oaths.

It is strongly recommended that candidates/agents contact the Returning Officer to schedule an appointment to ensure the officer(s) are available to review and accept your papers.

Leduc County requires each candidate to pay a nomination deposit in the amount of \$100. Payment may be made at the reception desk on the main floor of the County Centre. Proof of payment is required when submitting the nomination papers.

Q. What documents do I have to provide?

A. **New** for this election, potential candidates are required to submit a Form 29 – Notice of Intent as well as Form 4 – Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance, Form 5 – Candidate Financial Information and Leduc County Candidate consent disclosure form.

Please note, all candidates are required to provide *Form 26 – Campaign Disclosure and Financial Statement*. There are new rules for campaign disclosure, and all candidates must submit Form 26 on or before Sept. 30 for contributions received and expenses incurred between Jan. 1 and July 31, 2025. This must be completed and submitted to the Returning Officer even a candidate is self-funded. Following the election, each candidate must file a Form 26 on or before Mar. 1, 2026.

Forms, additional information and details are available on the provincial government website – <u>Potential candidates</u> and County website – <u>Candidate information</u>.

Q. When can I start campaigning?

A. Potential candidates must submit *Form 29 – Notice of Intent* and *Form 5 – Candidate Financial Information* prior to accepting contributions or incurring campaign expenses. This includes disclosure of self-funded contributions and expenses.

Campaign contributions and expenses - Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA), section 147.22

The *LAEA* states an individual who intends to be nominated to run for election *must* give written notice as prescribed under section 147.22. Potential candidates cannot accept contributions or incur campaign expenses until notice has been received by the Returning Officer.

Candidates are encouraged to make themselves aware of campaigning and advertising provisions in the LAEA.

Q. When and where can I erect election signs?

A. Leduc County follows the Provincial guidelines and Land Use Bylaw 14-25 provisions for election signs on both public and private property.

Public lands

Election signs are permitted on public lands from the date an election is called (after noon on Sept. 22) until three days after the election (Oct. 23). Signs must comply with the provincial and municipal location and size provisions (Provincial guidelines and Land Use Bylaw 14-25, Part 11).

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Candidates are permitted to erect signs on private lands under the permission of the land owner and pursuant to the provisions of provincial and municipal legislation.

Candidates are responsible for maintaining and ensuring signs do not pose a hazard. All signage must be removed within three days after the election.

Q. I want to tell electors about voting, what are the voting opportunities?

A. Election day is Monday, Oct. 20, 2025. Voting stations are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Where to vote:

The <u>list</u> and <u>map</u> of voting stations is available on the County website (*click on the links provided*). There is also an <u>interactive map</u> for electors to find their Division and locations where they can vote.

There are two advance poll days:

Saturday, Oct. 4 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 noon to 7 p.m.

Advance poll stations:

New Sarepta Divisions 1, 2, 3
Coast Nisku Inn all Divisions

Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Centre Divisions 4, 5, 6 and 7

Information for voting opportunities is available on the County website: Voter information

Special Ballots

The County is also providing Special Ballot voting for this election. Any eligible elector who is unable to vote on election day or during either of the advance votes, may apply for a special ballot package. Each eligible elector must complete and submit a Form 22 – Request for Special Ballot Package. Additional information regarding special ballots is available on the County voter information page of the County website.

Q. Am I allowed to campaign on election day or during the advance votes?

A. Sections 152 and 152.1 of the LAEA provides that candidates cannot advertise or campaign in a voting station or within the boundaries of the land on which a building used for a voting station is located.

Other important information

Candidate's scrutineers and Official agents

Candidate's may appoint a person as a scrutineer during voting hours provided they are eligible under section 69 of the LAEA and provide a Form 16 signed by the candidate to the presiding deputy at the voting station.

Candidates may appoint an official agent in the prescribed form (Form 4).

Scrutineers, candidates and official agents are permitted to attend voting stations, but the presiding deputy will only allow one to be present at a voting station during voting hours. Please refer to section 69 of the LAEA for additional provisions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Returning Officer or Substitute Returning Officer:

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