



More Candidates, More Women Step Forward Ahead of October 28 Municipal Elections

October 1, 2026 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is pleased to announce that preliminary candidate and election data has been entered into [MBVotes.ca](https://mbvotes.ca) ahead of Manitoba's October 28 general municipal elections.

Compared to 2022, preliminary 2026 data show an increase in the overall number of candidates (**1420**, up from 1380) and female candidates (**340**, up from 289), while acclamations are expected to decrease to approximately 30 per cent, down from 37 per cent.

"It is encouraging to see more Manitobans – and especially more women – put their names forward to serve their communities. The AMM has made promoting greater gender parity on municipal councils a priority, and we are pleased to see heightened interest in municipal leadership. We commend everyone stepping forward to serve and encourage Manitobans to get informed, get involved and make their voices heard on October 28th," noted AMM President Kathy Valentino.

The bilingual [MBVotes.ca](https://mbvotes.ca) website features candidate information, an interactive map and a data dashboard aggregating election information from across Manitoba, with Election Night results available as they are reported on October 28.

The AMM encourages all Manitobans and members of the media to visit [MBVotes.ca](https://mbvotes.ca) to explore election information and follow results on Election Night.

Election Resources:

- [AMM Municipal Elections Resource Hub](#)
- [AMM Toward Parity in Municipal Politics webpage](#)
- [AMM Municipal Elections website – MBVotes.ca \(results and data dashboard\)](#)
- [Municipal Leader – Special Report on 2026 Municipal Elections](#)

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