



Candidate Update - Tuesday, April 5th, 2022

When Can a Candidate Start Campaigning?

Per Elections Ontario on April 5th, 2022: Campaigning can occur at any time, it is not restricted to the writ period. However, candidates cannot incur expenses or accept contributions before the writ is issued. If a candidate is representing a registered political party, the party or constituency association can pay the candidate's expenses prior to the issuance of the writ. **You can start campaigning today!**

Candidate-Made Resources:

Point of Contact → Sarah

All political advertising must bear the authorization text (*i.e. Authorized by the CFO of the Hastings-Lennox and Addington Riding centered at the bottom of the advertisement*). You will insert **YOUR** riding name. Any additional resources outside of the materials the Ontario Party is supplying will be at your cost and with your own resources (*i.e. if you want to create business cards, you will need to find your own graphic designer*). Please send any additional materials (*i.e. press releases, fundraising letters, etc.*) to Sarah for approval before releasing them.



Fundraising Events:

Point of Contact → Sarah (candidates@ontarioparty.ca)

It is mandatory that all fundraising events be posted on the Ontario Party website. If you are planning a fundraising event, you must send Sarah the following details of the event at least **one full week** in advance. If the following information is not received, your event is not authorized.

- The date of the fundraising event
- The location of the fundraising event
- The amount of the charge for attending the fundraising event
- The identity of the recipient or recipients of the funds to be raised at the fundraising event

Please note, candidates are primarily responsible for advertising their own events, including creating their own press releases.



Events with Derek:

Point of Contact → Lorraine: Tour Coordinator (tour@ontarioparty.ca)

Lorraine will be sending you specific dates and times when Derek will be in your riding. We recommend you arrange events to coordinate with these dates. Moving forward, please **do not** send requests to have Derek at an event. Lorraine will contact you to let you know when Derek will be in your riding.

Please note: Derek will not be able to attend every event you host.

Ontario Party Candidate Announcement:

Send submissions to → Sarah

The following information needs to be submitted to Sarah before we can announce your candidacy:

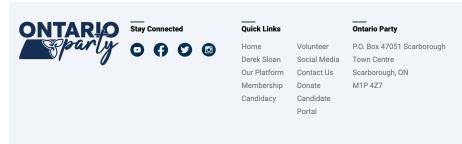
- A-1 Constituency Association Registration Form submitted and confirmed by Elections Ontario
- F0400 Candidate Nomination Paper
- \$500 Candidate Deposit
- Candidate Bio
- Update on the status of your Criminal Record Check (if there is a delay)

Candidate Portal:

Password → OntarioParty2022!

The candidate portal will be continuously updated on the Ontario Party website. You can access it by clicking: https://www.ontarioparty.ca/candidate_portal_en

You can also click the 'Candidate Portal' button located at the bottom of each webpage.



Coming Soon - "Our Candidates" Page on Website:

Point of Contact → Sarah

- **Needed:** If you have a candidate website and/or campaign social media accounts, send this information.
- **Needed:** Contact information for your campaign. Where/how do you want your supporters to contact you (i.e. phone number, email, website, and/or physical address)?

Due: Thursday, April 7th at midnight for the launch of the candidates page. If you have further information to add later on, it can be added.



Changes to Your Elections Ontario Paperwork:

Point of Contact → Sarah

Once your documentation is submitted to Elections Ontario and is approved, your President, CFO, and/or Signing Officer(s) need to make any further changes with Elections Ontario directly. Examples of changes include - the name of your CFO or President changes, changes to contact information, addresses etc.

To submit changes, you must refill a blank A-1 or F0400 form, and check the box “Change” in Section A. From there, fill in the entire form as per usual, with the new changes. Send changes to: electfin@elections.on.ca

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A-1 Constituency Association Registration and Change Notice Form
Disponible aussi en Français

For Office Use Only

Section A: Constituency Association Information
Note: For a change notice, complete only Sections A through H and Section K.

Registration Type: (check one) New Change

Electoral District: _____

Political Party or Independent Member: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Official Website(s): _____

Is Your Riding Registered with Elections Ontario?

Check here: <https://finances.elections.on.ca/en/registered-parties>

Campaign Offices:

Elections Ontario - “There are also rules around where campaign offices can be located. The Chief Electoral Officer has determined that the location of any premises used by any candidate for elective office in the same building or enclosed structure, the same commercial, industrial, or residential complex, or within five hundred feet of an Elections Ontario returning office, would interfere with the proper conduct of the election.”

CFO Handbook for Constituency Associations - Election Finances

Click here:

<https://www.elections.on.ca/content/dam/NGW/sitecontent/Compliance%20Documentation/English/Constituency%20Associations/CFO%20Handbook%20for%20Constituency%20Associations.pdf>

Candidate Question Directory:

- Questions related to Election rules and/or financial questions → candidate@elections.on.ca + CC Sarah (sarahkzwicker@gmail.com)
 - Elections Ontario has a great response time
- Generic questions/Ontario Party questions → Sarah (sarahkzwicker@gmail.com)



Lawn Signs + Literature:

The Ontario Party will be providing, at no cost to you, three templates for three sizes of lawn signs with your name, riding name, and your headshot on the largest size. We will also provide you with a brochure and flyer to utilize at your discretion. Your resources will be shared with you ready to be used, however, your campaign is responsible to cover printing costs. Once we finalize your material, they will be shared with you in a Google Drive folder once all outstanding paperwork (A-1, F0400, \$500 deposit, bio, and Criminal Record Check) is submitted to Sarah. We will also share a list of printers you can use. We have a 20% off corporate discount at Staples, however, you are not required to use our contacts.

Volunteers:

The volunteer database is actively growing. It is strongly recommended that you encourage your constituents to sign up to volunteer on the Ontario Party website. This way we can grow a physical volunteer database for you and easily share all their information. You will receive access to this in the coming days.

https://www.ontarioparty.ca/volunteer_en

This concludes our update for today! As always, I am here to answer any questions you may have. I got your back.

- Sarah