

Election worker guide

Who can vote?

A person can vote in a Markham municipal if they are all of the following:

- At least 18 years old (by Final Voting Day); **and**,
- A Canadian citizen; **and**,
- A Markham resident, property owner or tenant (or the spouse of one); **and**,
- Registered to vote on the voters' list

What offices are people voting for?

In this election, voters will vote for offices on both Markham City Council and their local school boards, including:

- Mayor
- Regional councillor (4 seats)
- Ward councillor
- School board trustee

There are 8 wards and 4 different school boards in Markham.

The mayor and regional councillors are elected by all Markham voters. Ward councillors and school board trustees are elected by the voters who live in the specific ward(s) they represent.

Voting rules

A Markham voter can vote for:

- 1 candidate for Mayor
- Up to 4 candidates for Regional Councillor
- 1 candidate for Ward Councillor
- 1 candidate for school board trustee

Every voter who lives, owns, or rents residential property in Markham is allowed to vote for their local school board trustee, even if they don't have kids in the public school system.

Commercial, industrial, and other non-residential property holders are not allowed to vote for school board trustee.

Ways to vote

In this election, Markham voters can vote:

- Online (from October 16 to 26); or
- In-person
 - At any Voting Place in Markham (October 23, 24, 25 and 26)
 - By person at Elections Markham Headquarters (Markham Civic Centre) (September 28 to October 22, Monday to Friday from 8:30am – 4:30pm)

Voters can vote at any voting place in Markham. They don't have to go to a specific voting place based on their home address or polling subdivision.

Voters' list

Before someone can vote, they have to be registered on the voters' list. A person can register to vote by showing an election worker proof that they are eligible to vote.

The ballot a voter receives (i.e., which offices they can vote for) is based on how they are registered on the voters' list, including:

- The ward where their address is; and,
- The school board they are registered with.

The chart below is a sample of what the voters' list looks like:

Voter's name	Date of birth	Address	Ward	School board
Bouvier, Selma	1955-06-11	200 Spinster Boulevard Unit 1599	8	French Separate
Burns, Charles Montgomery	1886-09-15	1000 Mammon Avenue	3	English Public
Flanders, Maude	1963-11-21	744 Evergreen Terrace	4	English Public
Hibbert, Julius	1949-04-23	16 Elm Street	5	French Public
Moleman, Hans	1928-06-03	2001 Creaking Oak Drive	6	English Public
Simpson, Homer	1956-05-12	742 Evergreen Terrace	4	English Separate
Szyslak, Moe	1960-11-24	57 Walnut Street	7	English Public
Van Houten, Luann	1968-12-01	316 Pikeland Avenue	2	English Separate

Marking a paper ballot

To vote with a paper ballot, the voter fills in the oval next to their preferred candidate's name. Marked ballots are scanned and counted by a vote tabulator, and then dropped into the ballot box.

Getting ready to work on Voting Days

Working at a voting place is a full-day job. Shifts start at 9 AM and end at 9 PM. Election workers have to stay at the voting place for their entire shift, so if you're working for us, make sure you:

- Arrive at your voting place by 9 AM
- Bring snacks, water, and meals for the day (breaks can be taken during quiet times)