

How to Guide – Nomination Paper and Candidate’s Acceptance (Form 4)

Candidates must complete and file Form 4 – Nomination Paper and Candidate’s Acceptance to become an official candidate in the 2021 General Election.

□ Before you start

Make sure you have the official nomination form as only official nomination papers are accepted. These are available:

- Online at www.rmwb.ca/elections
- Online at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc_elections
- By contacting the Elections Office at 780-743-7001 or elections@rmwb.ca

□ Completing Form 4: Nomination Paper and Candidate’s Acceptance Form

Candidate Information

LOCAL JURISDICTION:	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Province of Alberta
We, the undersigned electors of	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Ward No. _____, nominate
Candidate Surname	Given Names
Complete Address and Postal Code	
as a candidate at the election about to be held for the office of	
Mayor / Councillor of Ward No. _____, of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.	

Ward Number: This must be indicated correctly in both sections requiring the ward number. The Ward Number is not required for the office of Mayor.

Candidate Name: You must use your legal name as it appears on your government issued identification.

Candidate Address: You must use your residential address and not a post office box.

Obtain signatures from Residents.

Printed Name of Elector	Complete Address and Postal Code of Elector	Signature of Elector
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Residents who sign your nomination form must:

- Fill out all three parts of this section:
 - Name
 - Complete address with postal code
 - Signature
- Be eligible to vote in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo General Election on the date of signing the nomination:
 - at least 18 years old;
 - a Canadian citizen;
 - reside in Alberta; and
 - reside in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and
 - reside in the ward you wish to represent (this is not required for office of Mayor)

It is important to note that only original handwritten signatures can be accepted. Electronic or photocopied signatures are not valid. It is advisable to have more than the minimum required number of electors sign the form in case one or more signatures are not eligible to nominate you. If you use additional pages to collect signatures, this section must be completed on every page of the form, you must use your legal name and it must be same on each page with the ward number indicated correctly.

It is your responsibility to ensure you collect signatures from eligible residents only.

Candidate's Acceptance

CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE

I, the above named candidate, solemnly swear (affirm)

- THAT I am eligible under sections 21 and 47 of the *Local Authorities Election Act* and sections 4(4) and 74 of the *Education Act* (if applicable) to be elected to the office;
- THAT I am not otherwise disqualified under section 22 or 23 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*;
- THAT I will accept the office if elected;
- THAT I have read sections 12, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 47, 68.1 and 151 and Part 5.1 of the *Local Authorities Election Act* and sections 4(4) and 74 of the *Education Act* (if applicable) and understand their contents;
- THAT I am appointing as my official agent (if applicable)

Name, Contact Information or Complete Address and Postal Code and Telephone Number of Official Agent

- THAT I will read and abide by the municipality's code of conduct; and
- THAT the electors who have signed this nomination paper are eligible to vote in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act* and the *Education Act* and resident in the local jurisdiction on the date of signing the nomination.

- It is essential the you read, understand and complete each of the requirements of this section.
- By completing and submitting the Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance Form 4, you are confirming that:
 - You are an eligible candidate;
 - You will accept the office if elected;
 - You have read the sections of the *Local Authorities Election Act* and *Education Act* (if applicable) that are listed in this section of the form;
 - You will read and follow the Council Code of Conduct if elected; and
 - All of the individuals who signed your nomination form are eligible to vote in this election.

Official Agents: You may choose to appoint an Official Agent, who can act on your behalf:

- You can only appoint one other person to be an Official Agent.
- Official Agents are permitted to perform the same duties as the Candidate
- You are not required to appoint an Official Agent.

- You can only appoint an Official Agent on your nomination form but you may change your Official Agent once one is appointed.

Name on the Ballot:

PRINT NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON THE BALLOT:	
Candidate's Surname	Given Names (may include nicknames, but not titles, i.e. Mr., Ms., Dr.)

- The name that you choose to appear on the ballot does not have to match your legal name.
- You cannot include on the ballot:
 - Titles, such as Mr., Ms., or Dr.
 - Symbols such as emojis
 - Characters such as \$, %, +, &, etc.

Commissioning the Form

SWORN (AFFIRMED) before me At the _____ of _____ , In the Province of Alberta, This _____ day of _____ , 20_____.
Signature of Returning Officer or Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public in and for Alberta (Also include printed or stamped name and expiry date)

- Nomination forms must be commissioned by a Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public in and for Alberta or the Returning Officer.

Candidate's Signature

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- You must sign your nomination form, but it is advisable to have the content reviewed by someone from the Elections Office first as changes, even minor corrections, cannot be made once the form is signed and commissioned.
- You must sign your nomination form in the presence of a Commissioner for Oaths or a Notary Public in and for Alberta or the Returning Officer as it is part of the commissioning process.

It is an offence to sign a false affidavit or a form that contains a false statement.