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Nomination Day to run for County Council fast approaching

The County is encouraging all eligible residents to consider running for the position of Area Councillor in the next municipal election, to be held on Oct. 16, 2017. The term of office for councillors is four years and the deadline for declaring candidacy is on Nomination Day, Sept. 18, 2017.

“Although being a Councillor for the County is a large responsibility, the role is extremely rewarding as you are able to make a big difference and help shape the future of your community,” said Bill Rogan, CAO.

Councillors are responsible for setting the direction of the County by creating, evaluating, and implementing policies and programs. Councillors accomplish this by participating in council meetings, and by sitting on committees and other bodies to which they are appointed. They also spend time reading agenda materials, attending local events, and talking with residents, the chief administrative officer (CAO) and other relevant stakeholders.

“The best way to learn about the role is by spending time reading council agendas and minutes, by talking to current members of Council, and by sitting in on some Council meetings,” added Rogan.

The following qualifications are necessary for anyone considering running:

- Must be at least 18 years of age on nomination day
- Must be a Canadian citizen
- Must have been a resident of the electoral division of the County for which you intend to run for six months preceding nomination day
- Must not be an auditor of the municipality
- Must not be an employee of the County, unless granted a leave of absence
- Must not have more than \$50 in arrears on property taxes or be in default for more than 90 days, or have any other debt in excess of \$500 to the municipality
- Must not have been convicted of an offence under the Local Authorities Election Act, the Election Act or the Canada Elections Act within the previous 10 years
- If you are a judge, Member of Parliament, Senator, or Member of the Legislative Assembly, you must resign that position before you take office as a member of Council

Candidates intending to run in the election are required to register with the municipality prior to accepting any campaign contributions.



More information including information packages for candidates considering running as well as nomination packages are available at www.countygp.ab.ca/election or can be picked up at the County Administration Building located at 10001- 84th Avenue in Clairmont.

The completed nomination form must be completed and returned to the Returning Officer between 10 a.m. and noon sharp on Nomination Day (Sept. 18) at the Administration Building.

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