

# Village of Heisler 2025 Election Package

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# **Attachment:**

\*NEW\* Notice of Intent Form

# The next Municipal Election - Monday, October 20, 2025.

**Nomination Period:** January 1, 2025 – September 22, 2025 **Nomination Day Deadline:** September 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Election Day: October 20, 2025, polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

## 1. About our Village

The Village of Heisler is called 'the Premier Village of Alberta'; so called because all of the streets and avenues are named after premiers of the Province of Alberta. Our Village is named after the pioneer settler Martin Heisler Sr., who provided the land for the Village. The spirit of the early pioneers still lives on in the folk who live, work and play in Heisler.

Our Council consists of a Mayor, a Deputy Mayor, and a Councillor who are the elected officials. Members of Council are elected to a four-year term. **The Village welcomes all who wish to participate in our government.** 

As a member of Council, you will have the opportunity to significantly influence the future of your community. All decisions are made by Council as a whole, at Council, or via Committee and/or Board meetings. As an individual member of Council, you will not have the power to commit the Village of Heisler to any expenditure or to direct the activities of employees of the municipality; all direction of this nature is done via the Council motions at regular or special meetings.

# 2. Returning Officer Contact Information:

Nadine Doege, Returning Officer Village of Heisler 128 Main St, Box 60 Heisler Alberta T0B 2A0

Phone: 780-889-3774 Fax: 780-889-2280

Email: administration@villageofheisler.ca Website: www.villageofheisler.ca

## 3. Requirements of Members of Council

As a member of the Village of Heisler Council you must be able to commit to the fouryear term in office running until October 2025 and during that time you are required to attend:

- Regular meetings of council which take place about mid month
- Meetings of other boards and agencies you have been appointed to as a council representative
- Conferences, conventions, seminars and workshops for training and discussions
- Social events promoting your municipality

You will also need to spend time reading material, e.g. monthly Council Meeting Agenda, provided by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), etc. This is necessary in order to be prepared for meetings and making informed decisions.

# 4. 2025 Election Timeline and Key Dates

Date	Description
October 31, 2024	Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act in effect. The campaign period for the 2025 Election begins. Candidates may submit a Notice of Intent to Run.
January 1, 2025	Nomination period begins.
March 1, 2025	2024 campaign disclosure statements due.
April 2, 2025	Candidate late filing fees due
May 1, 2025	The election advertising period begins.
May 30, 2025	Amended candidate campaign disclosure statements due.
September 22, 2025	Nomination Day. Close of nominations.
October 20, 2025	Election Day! The election advertising period ends.
October 22, 2025	Deadline for applications for a recount based on concerns at the voting station.
October 24, 2025	Statement of Results posts.
October 26, 2025	Deadline for applications for threshold recount (0.5%)
November 10, 2025	Elector deadline to apply for judicial recount
December 31, 2025	Campaign period ends.

### 5. Eligibility

#### To be eligible to run as a candidate, you must be:

- Eligible to vote in 2025 municipal elections
- At least 18 years old
- A Canadian citizen
- A resident of the Village of Heisler on Election Day (October 20, 2025)
- A resident of the Village of Heisler for the 6 consecutive months before Nomination Day (March 22 - September 22, 2025)
- Must not be otherwise ineligible or disqualified

**NOTE:** Candidates are subject to further requirements in the Local Authorities Election Act and are advised to refer to the LAEA and obtain legal advice regarding the full extent of their obligations and ineligibility criteria.

#### \*NEW\* Intent to Run

The Notice of intent to run process is new for the 2025 municipal election. Prospective candidates must file the notice of intent to run form at the Village of Heisler Office (128 Main Street). Once the Village receives your completed form, your name will be added to the registry of candidates list, which can be found posted at the village office door and on our website.

#### 6. Nomination

Attached to this package is Form 4: Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance. Form 4 must be signed by 5 electors, who are residents of the jurisdiction and eligible to vote in the October 2025 election. Prospective candidates must submit the form in full completion to the Returning Officer before September 22, 2025 at noon to be valid. A candidate for elective office who signs a candidate's acceptance form that contains a false statement is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$1000.

#### 7. Training Information for Elected Officials

A municipality must, in accordance with the regulations, offer orientation training to each councillor, to be held within 90 days after the councillor takes the oath of office. Dates of training are to be determined later with the elected officials. Training will cover the role of municipalities in Alberta, roles and responsibilities of councillors, municipality's code of conduct, key municipal plans and policies, roles of the CAO and staff, budgeting and financial administration and more.

Regional Council Orientation Training scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2025

## 8. Related Documents & Links

#### **Local Authorities Election Act**

https://www.gp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/L21.pdf

#### **LAEA Key Sections:**

- Section 21 Qualification of the candidate
- Section 22 Ineligibility
- Section 23 Ineligibility for nomination
- Section 27 Form of nomination
  - Section 28 Nominations
- Section 151 Offence candidate's acceptance

### **Municipal Government Act**

https://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/acts/m26.pdf

## **Municipal Elections – Overview** (Province of Alberta)

https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-elections-overview

#### What Every Councillor Needs to Know (Province of Alberta)

https://open.alberta.ca/publications/what-every-councillor-needs-to-know-council-members-handbook

#### Village of Heisler Procedural Bylaw #493-15

https://www.villageofheisler.ca/\_mndata/heisler/uploaded\_files/Bylaw%20493-15%20Procedural%20Bylaw.pdf

#### Village of Heisler Council Code of Conduct Bylaw #505-18

https://www.villageofheisler.ca/ mndata/heisler/uploaded\_files/Bylaw%20505-18%20-%20Council%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf

#### Village of Heisler Policy C-001: Travel, Subsistence and Honorarium Policy

https://www.villageofheisler.ca/ mndata/heisler/uploaded files/C%20%20001%20Travel,%20Subsistence%20and%20Honorariums %20Policy.pdf

#### **Notice of Intent**

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 147.22) LOCAL JURISDICTION: , PROVINCE OF ALBERTA complete address and postal code intend to be nominated, or have been nominated, to run for election as a candidate in the name of local jurisdiction and ward, if applicable I understand that by completing this form, I am declaring my intent to become a candidate as defined in the Local Authorities Election Act, which carries with it certain obligations and responsibilities. Candidate Information Candidate Last Name Candidate First Name Gender Telephone Number Email Address Address of place(s) where candidate records are maintained: Name(s) and address(es) of financial institutions where campaign contributions will be deposited (if applicable): Name(s) of signing authorities for each depository listed above (if applicable): 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 Signature of Candidate and for Alberta RETURNING OFFICER'S ACCEPTANCE Commissioner for Oaths Stamp Returning office signals acceptance by signing this form Signature of Returning Officer

#### IT IS AN OFFENCE TO SIGN A FALSE AFFIDAVIT OR A FORM THAT CONTAINS A FALSE STATEMENT

The personal information collected through this form is for administering the election. This collection is authorized by section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. For questions about the collection of personal information, contact your local municipal office.

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