



2026 Municipal & School Board Election

Voter Instructions — Township of Laird, Ontario

Where to Vote

Voting takes place at:

Laird Township Hall

3 Pumpkin Point Road West, Echo Bay

All eligible voters in Laird Township vote at this single location.

When to Vote

Election Day: Monday, October 26, 2026 — 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Advance Voting Day: Saturday, October 17, 2026 — 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Who Can Vote (Eligibility)

To vote in the Laird Township municipal election, you must meet **all** of the following requirements on Voting Day:

- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be at least 18 years old
- Reside in the Township of Laird, or be the owner or tenant of land in the Township, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant
- Not be prohibited from voting under any law

Voter List — Are You on It?

The Voters' List is prepared by Elections Ontario. You can check whether you are on the Voters' List and update your information by visiting registertovoteon.ca or by contacting the Clerk's Office.

If you are not on the Voters' List, you may still be added on Election Day or during the advance vote by completing an application and providing proper identification.

It is your responsibility to make sure your information is correct and up to date.

What to Bring — Identification

You must show identification before you can receive a ballot. Bring **one (1) piece of identification** that shows your name and qualifying address.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Ontario Driver's Licence
- Ontario Photo Card
- Ontario Health Card (with photo)
- Canadian Passport
- Certificate of Canadian Citizenship or Citizenship Card
- A utility bill, bank statement, or government cheque showing your name and qualifying address
- Property tax assessment notice
- Income tax assessment notice
- A mortgage, lease, or rental agreement
- Insurance policy
- Correspondence from a government agency
- Any other document that shows your name and qualifying address, as approved by the Clerk

If you do not have identification showing your qualifying address, you may present **two (2) pieces of ID** — at least one must show your name, and you may be required to make a statutory declaration.

No Voter Information Cards

Voter Information Cards will **NOT** be mailed for this election. It is your responsibility to confirm your eligibility and know your voting location. Visit registertovoteon.ca or contact the Clerk's Office if you have questions about your registration.

How to Vote — 5 Easy Steps

1. **Attend the Voting Place** — Go to the Laird Township Hall on Election Day or the Advance Voting Day during voting hours.
2. **Check In** — Provide your identification to the election official at the poll. Your name will be confirmed or added to the Voters' List.
3. **Receive Your Ballot** — You will be given a ballot. You may receive more than one ballot if there are multiple races (e.g., municipal and school board).
4. **Mark Your Ballot** — Go behind the voting screen and mark your ballot by filling in the circle or oval next to the candidate(s) of your choice. Do not mark more candidates than the number of positions available.
5. **Submit Your Ballot** — Hand your completed ballot to the election official. The election official will place it in the ballot box.

Accessibility and Assistance

The Township of Laird is committed to providing an accessible election. The voting place will be set up to accommodate voters with disabilities.

If you need assistance marking your ballot, you may:

- Ask an election official (Deputy Returning Officer) to assist you
- Bring a friend or family member to help (they must take an oath of secrecy)
- Use any accessibility tools available at the voting place

If you are unable to attend the voting place due to a disability or illness, please contact the Clerk's Office to discuss options.

Secrecy and Voting Place Rules

The secrecy of your vote is protected by law. No one may see how you marked your ballot. While at the voting place:

- Do not show your marked ballot to anyone
- Do not use cameras or recording devices in the voting area
- Do not campaign or display campaign material inside or near the voting place
- Follow the directions of election officials

- Remain respectful and orderly

Any person who attempts to interfere with a voter or the voting process may be asked to leave and may face penalties under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

School Board Voting

In addition to voting for municipal council, you may also be eligible to vote for a school board trustee. Your school board vote depends on the school board you are designated to support:

- **English-Public:** Algoma District School Board
- **English-Catholic:** Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board
- **French-Public:** Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario
- **French-Catholic:** Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario

Your school support designation is set through Elections Ontario and determines which school board trustee race you vote in. If you wish to change your designation, visit registertovoteon.ca or contact Elections Ontario directly. Changes should be made well in advance of Election Day.

If no candidate is running for your designated school board, you will not receive a school board ballot.

Contact the Clerk's Office

Jennifer Errington, Clerk

Township of Laird

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.