



# MUNICIPALITY OF West Elgin

## Council Vacancy Application Form

Please complete this application form, Declaration of Qualifications, and one (1) page (8.5x11) detailing your qualifications and objectives, and submit in person (no fax or email) with identification **no later than Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**

Terri Towstiuc, Clerk  
Municipality of West Elgin  
22413 Hoskins Line  
Rodney ON NOL 2C0

<b>Council Vacancy Application Form</b>
<b>Name:</b> Filipe Sousa
<b>Qualifying Address:</b> 169 Elm Street West Lorne, Ontario NOL 2P0
<b>Email Address:</b> info@darkhorsedesigns.com
<b>Telephone Number:</b> 519-783-1466

Eligibility Requirements	Yes	No
Canadian Citizen	✓	
Minimum of 18 years of Age	✓	
Eligible elector in the Municipality of West Elgin (owner, tenant, spouse of such owner or tenant)	✓	
Not prohibited from voting (as per <i>Municipal Elections Act</i> ) or otherwise by law	✓	

By signing this form, you consent to having your name publicly released.

Date	Signature
May 15, 2025	

Personal Information collected on this form is pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended and is collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information Act* and *Protection of Privacy Act* and will be used by the Clerk for the purpose of assessing whether a nominee is eligible for appointment to municipal office. This form will be attached to a Council Agenda and published to the Municipal website.



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**Declaration of Qualifications**

*Declaration to be completed in the presence of Commissioner of Oaths and Affidavits*

I, Filipe Sousa, an applicant mentioned in this application form, declare that I am presently, legally qualified, or would be presently legally qualified if I were not a member of Legislative Assembly of Ontario or the Senate or House of Commons of Canada, to be appointed and to hold the office to which I have applied for appointment and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

DECLARED before me at the Municipality of West Elgin, in the County of Elgin this

15 day of May, 2025.

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Applicant

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Commissioner of Oaths and Affidavits

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TERRI TOWSTIUC, Clerk  
Commissioner for the Municipality of West Elgin  
Province of Ontario

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**Certificate**

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Municipality of West Elgin, do hereby certify that I have examined the application form of the aforesaid applicant filed with me and am satisfied that the nominee is qualified for appointment to municipal office.

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Signature of Clerk or designate

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Date Certified

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**May 15, 2025**

**Dear Members of the West Elgin Municipal Council,**

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving on the Committee for West Elgin Ward 3. As a dedicated local business owner and resident of West Elgin, I care deeply about the well-being of our community—its citizens, businesses, and overall growth. I am committed to promoting responsible development while preserving the values and rural heritage that make West Elgin truly unique.

I am devoted to representing the people of West Elgin with integrity, honesty, and transparency. I believe in accountability and in making thoughtful, informed decisions that serve the best interests of our entire municipality.

Supporting our farming community remains a key priority for me, as their contributions are essential to our economy and way of life. I also strongly believe that open and consistent communication with residents is crucial to good governance. I am committed to being accessible, listening to concerns, and working collaboratively to find practical, community-centered solutions.

Through my involvement with organizations such as Roots & Revival, the Rodney Old Town Hall, and as a proud member of the Economic Development Committee, I've been fortunate to contribute my time and efforts to initiatives that support local businesses, individuals, and foster a strong sense of community. These experiences have deepened my connection to West Elgin and provided valuable insight into our shared goals and challenges.

I am particularly passionate about advocating for seniors, who often face increased vulnerability due to inflation and rapid growth. Ensuring they have access to the resources and support they need is a priority I take seriously. I am also committed to maintaining affordability and promoting inclusiveness so that West Elgin remains a place where everyone can thrive.

I bring to this role a strong work ethic, a steadfast determination to never give up, a willingness to learn, and a deep, heartfelt commitment to West Elgin. I believe these qualities—along with my active involvement in the community—make me a strong candidate for the Ward 3 Committee.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to contribute to the continued prosperity and well-being of our community, and I welcome the opportunity to discuss how I can support the committee's important work.

**Sincerely,**  
Filipe Sousa