



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 Towstiuć, Clerk
Municipality of West Elgin
22413 Hoskins Line
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Council Vacancy Application Form	
Name:	Austin Michael VanderBurg +
Qualifying Address:	131 Main St, West Lorne N0L 2P0
Email Address:	austinvb68@gmail.com
Telephone Number:	519-318-8579

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

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

Date	Signature
May 20, 2025	

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Declaration of Qualifications

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

I, Austin Michael VanderBurgt 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

22nd day of May, 2025.

Signature of Applicant

[Redacted Signature]

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

Signature of Commissioner of Oaths and Affidavits

Stamp

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.

Signature of Clerk or designate

Date Certified

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To the Municipal Clerk and Council Selection Committee:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the next Ward 3 Councillor for the Municipality of West Elgin. Since moving to West Lorne in 2023, my family and I have put down deep roots in this community; it's where we are raising our child, and it has quickly become home. I grew up in the small town of Komoka, Ontario, and understand the importance of community engagement and strong local leadership in rural areas like ours.

My desire to serve is grounded in a long-standing commitment to public service. I had the privilege of working in the constituency office of former West London Member of Parliament Ed Holder, where I gained valuable insight into how elected officials can advocate effectively for their constituents. In that role, I engaged directly with residents, listened to their concerns, and helped facilitate access to services; an experience that shaped my belief in responsive, community-first representation.

For over 15 years, I have also served as a hockey referee, and I currently volunteer as the Senior Official and Referee Liaison with the West Lorne Minor Hockey Association. Supporting youth and families through sport has been an incredibly rewarding way to stay involved and contribute to the vibrancy of the town.

Earlier this spring, I completed my law degree at the University of Windsor. While I chose law to strengthen my understanding of governance and policy, my motivations have always been directed towards public service. I believe that the role of a Ward Councillor aligns closely with the values I live by: advocacy, accountability, and service.

If selected, I will work hard to ensure Ward 3's interests are heard and acted on at Council. I will continue to build relationships with residents, advocate for their needs, and help shape policies that reflect the priorities of our growing and diverse community.

Thank you for considering my application. It would be an honour to represent West Elgin and contribute meaningfully to the community my family now proudly calls home.

Sincerely,
Austin VanderBurgt

