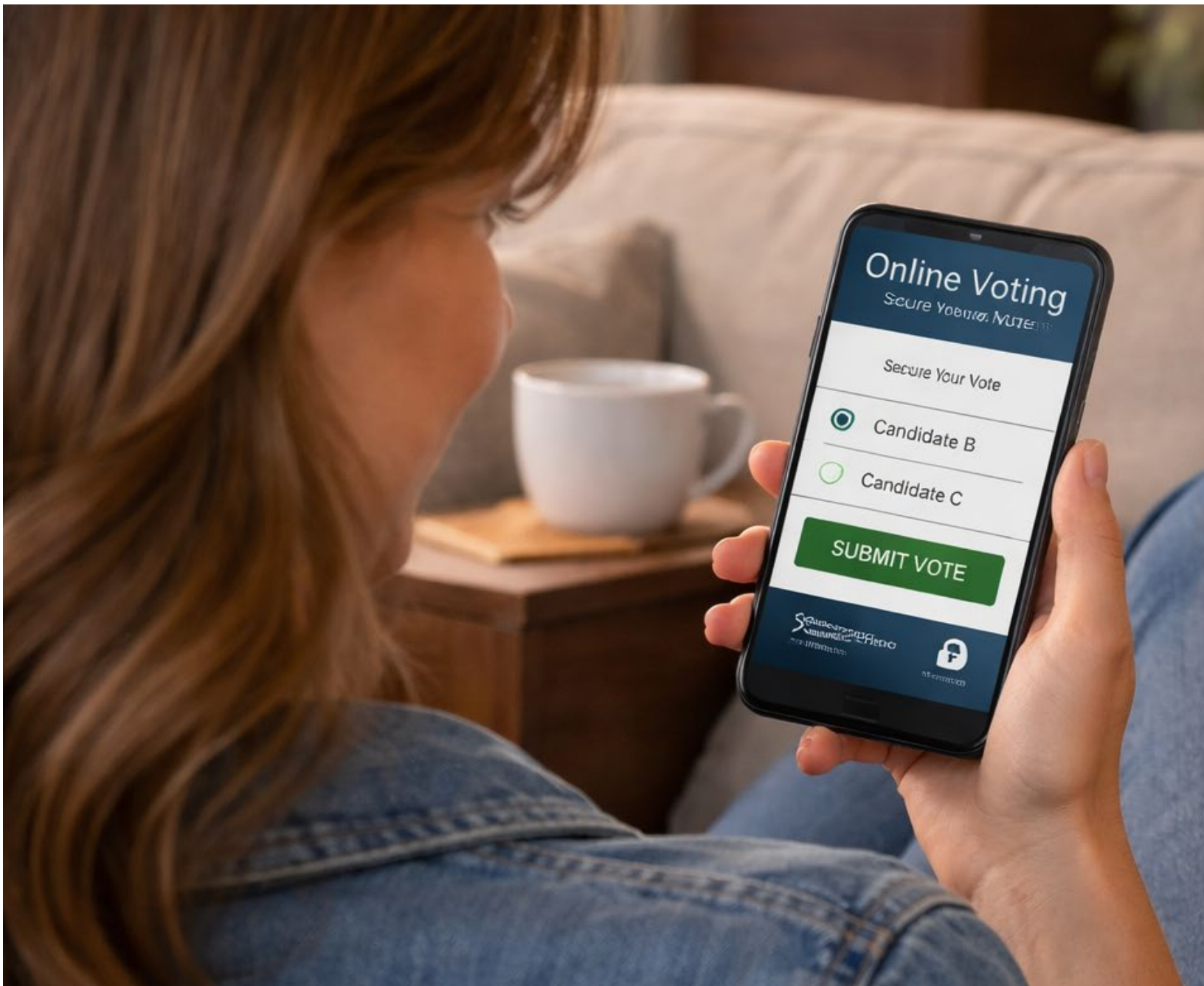




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Municipal and School Board Elections 2026

Voter Guide

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This guide walks through the online voting process Screenshots use demonstration data (a sample PIN and placeholder candidate names). Your live ballot will show the real eligibility statement and the real candidates for your election.

What you will need

- Your 16-digit Voting PIN
- Your date of birth
- A computer, tablet, or phone with an internet connection

Once your ballot is cast, your selections cannot be changed.

**Municipality of Hastings Highlands**
33011 Hwy 62N, P.O. Box 130
Maynooth, ON K0L 2S0

School Support: **EP**

 **Online and telephone Voting**
24 Hours a Day
Start: Monday, October 19, 2026 - 10:00 AM
End: Monday, October 26, 2026 - 8:00 PM

 **In-person at electronic voting kiosk**
Start: Monday, October 19, 2026 - 10:00 AM
End: Monday, October 26, 2026 - 8:00 PM
See backside for locations and timing →

**JOHN SAMPLE1**
23 MAIN STREET
CITY NAME, ONTARIO, A0A 0A0

1234567

Voter Information Letter

2026 Hastings Highlands Municipal and School Board Election

Your Voting PIN:

1234 1234 1234 1234

If in-person assistance is required to make your voting experience easier and faster, please bring your Voter Information Letter (VIL) with you to a Voter Help Centre.

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You qualify to vote if:

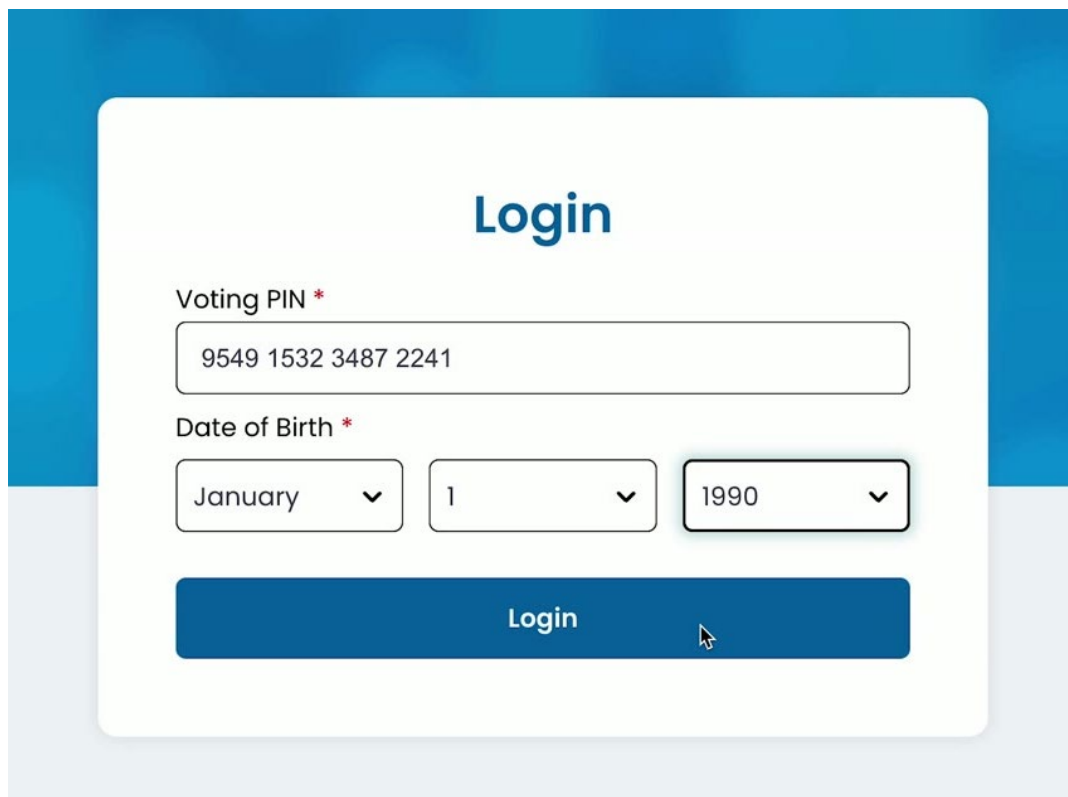
- You are at least 18 years old on Election Day, October 26, 2026,
- You are a Canadian citizen,
- You or your spouse lives, rents or owns property in the municipality, and
- You are not otherwise prohibited by law from voting.

Step 1

Open the voting site and log in

Go to the online voting website listed in your voter information letter. On the Login page:

- Enter the 16-digit Voting PIN from your letter. Spaces are added automatically.
- Select your date of birth using the Month, Day, and Year menus.
- Click Login.

A screenshot of a web application's login page. The page has a blue header and a light blue background. In the center, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the login form. The form is titled "Login" in a large, bold, blue font. Below the title, there are three input fields. The first is a text box labeled "Voting PIN *" with a red asterisk, containing the text "9549 1532 3487 2241". The second is a dropdown menu labeled "Date of Birth *" with a red asterisk, showing "January" and a downward arrow. The third is a dropdown menu showing "1" and a downward arrow. To the right of these is another dropdown menu showing "1990" and a downward arrow. Below these fields is a large blue button with the word "Login" in white text. A mouse cursor is pointing at the button.

Enter your Voting PIN, then choose Month, Day, and Year of birth.

When PIN and date of birth are complete, click Login.

Step 2

Confirm the election and start voting

The Election Details page confirms the election is open and whether you have already voted. Review the closing date, then click Vote Now.

- Status should read “Voting is open”.
- If you have not voted yet, that will be shown in orange.
- A countdown shows how long is left before voting closes.
- Click the Vote Now button to continue.

Election Details



My Municipal Election 2026

Municipal election for all eligible members.

Voting is open



Voting will close on:
Oct 26, 2026 08:00 p.m.

Have you voted yet?
You have not voted yet

Voting closes in:

Days: 3

 :

Hours: 22

 :

Minutes: 38

 :

Seconds: 25

[Vote Now](#)

Election Details for My Municipal Election 2026 click Vote Now.

Step 3

Read and affirm the eligibility statement

Before you see your ballot, you must read the eligibility statement and confirm it applies to you. This ballot belongs only to the person named on the voter information letter.

You declare that you are at least 18 (or will be by final voting day), a Canadian citizen, a resident, landowner or tenant of the municipality (or the spouse of one, if that applies), the person listed on the voters list, and that you have not already voted.

- Read the full statement, including offences under Ontario Municipal Elections Act.
- Select I affirm the above statement.
- Click Continue. Use Decline ballot only if you do not wish to vote.

The screenshot displays the '2026 My Municipal Election' interface. At the top, a progress bar shows three steps: 1. Vote, 2. Review and cast, and 3. Receipt. The '1. Vote' step is currently active. Below the progress bar, the heading 'Eligibility statement' is followed by an important note: 'Important: This ballot belongs to the person listed on the voter information letter and should not be used by anyone else.' The user is then asked to declare that they are a voter entitled to vote in this election. A list of five bullet points follows, detailing the eligibility criteria: being at least 18 years old, a Canadian citizen, a resident/landowner/tenant of the applicable municipality ward (or spouse), being listed on the voters' list, and not having already voted. Below this, the user is asked to affirm that the ballot was assigned to them and that they are casting it independently. Another paragraph states that the user makes this statement conscientiously, knowing it has the same force and effect as if made under oath. Finally, a list of seven bullet points outlines the offences under Ontario's Municipal Elections Act, including voting when not eligible, voting with more than one ballot, giving or selling voter information, taking or buying someone else's voter information, force or bribe, accepting a bribe, invading privacy, and intentionally revealing how someone else voted. A mouse cursor is visible over the second-to-last bullet point in this list.

2026 My Municipal Election

1 Vote 2 Review and cast 3 Receipt

Eligibility statement

Important: This ballot belongs to the person listed on the voter information letter and should not be used by anyone else.

I, being a voter entitled to vote in this election, declare that:

- I am at least 18 years old (or will be by final voting day);
- I am a Canadian citizen;
- I am a resident, landowner or tenant of the applicable MUNICIPALITY ward (or the spouse of one);
- I am the person listed on the voters' list and/or election document; and,
- I have not already voted in this election.

I affirm that this ballot was assigned to me and that I am casting it independently and of my own choice.

I make this statement conscientiously believing it to be true, knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath in a court of law, and with the understanding that it is illegal under Ontario's Municipal Elections Act to:

- Vote when you are not eligible;
- Vote with more than one ballot;
- Give or sell your voter information letter, voting PIN, or ballot to someone else;
- Take or buy someone else's voter information letter, voting PIN, or ballot;
- Force or bribe someone to vote in any way;
- Accept a bribe to vote in any way;
- Invade the privacy of someone who is voting;
- Intentionally reveal how someone else voted;

Eligibility statement : read carefully, then scroll to the affirmation.

Affirm and continue

After you have read the statement, select the affirmation box so a mark appears, then click Continue. Penalties for offences under the Municipal Elections Act can include a fine of up to \$25,000 and a prison term of up to 6 months.

• I am the person listed on the voters' list and/or election document; and,
• I have not already voted in this election.

I affirm that this ballot was assigned to me and that I am casting it independently and of my own choice.

I make this statement conscientiously believing it to be true, knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath in a court of law, and with the understanding that it is illegal under Ontario's Municipal Elections Act to:

- Vote when you are not eligible;
- Vote with more than one ballot;
- Give or sell your voter information letter, voting PIN, or ballot to someone else;
- Take or buy someone else's voter information letter, voting PIN, or ballot;
- Force or bribe someone to vote in any way;
- Accept a bribe to vote in any way;
- Invade the privacy of someone who is voting;
- Intentionally reveal how someone else voted;
- Stop someone from voting;
- Lie to or intentionally mislead an election official; or,
- Try to do any of the above.

I understand that, if it is discovered that I have committed any of the above offences, I may be charged under Ontario's Municipal Elections Act and subject to penalties including a fine of up to \$25,000 and a prison term of up to 6 months.

I affirm the above statement. 

[Decline ballot](#) [Continue](#)

Select "I affirm the above statement" then click Continue.

Step 4

Mark your ballot one contest at a time

The ballot has three overall stages: Vote, Review and cast, and Receipt. While you are voting, the top of the page shows which contest you are on (for example, Contest 1 of 4). Each office shows how many candidates you may choose (Vote for 1, Vote for up to 4, and so on). Click a candidate's circle to select them. A selected row is highlighted and shows an X you can click to remove that choice.

- Click the candidate you want, then click Continue.
- Use Back to return to a previous contest.
- Use Clear selections if you want to start that contest over.

2026 My Municipal Election

1 Vote
Contest 1 of 4

2 Review and cast

3 Receipt

Mayor

Vote for 1

Bugs **Bunny**

Daffy **Duck**

Elmer **Fudd**

Porky **Pig**

Back

Continue

Contest 1 of 4 Mayor. Instruction: Vote for 1.

Confirm your selection

The selected candidate is highlighted. When you are ready, click Continue to go to the next contest on your ballot.

2026 My Municipal Election

1

Vote

Contest 1 of 4

2

Review and cast

3

Receipt

Mayor

Vote for 1

Bugs **Bunny**

X

Daffy **Duck**

Elmer **Fudd**

Porky **Pig**

Back

Clear selections

Continue

A selected candidate is highlighted. Click Continue to go to the next contest.

Step 5

Contests that allow more than one choice

Some offices let you vote for more than one candidate. The page title tells you the office and the limit (for example, Regional Councillor or councillors Vote for up to 4). Click each candidate you want, up to the maximum.

1

Vote

Contest 2 of 4

2

Review and cast

3

Receipt

Regional Councillor

Vote for up to 4

Charles Montgomery Burns

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Maude Flanders

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Barney Gumble

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Edna Krabappel

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Helen Lovejoy

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Joe Quimby

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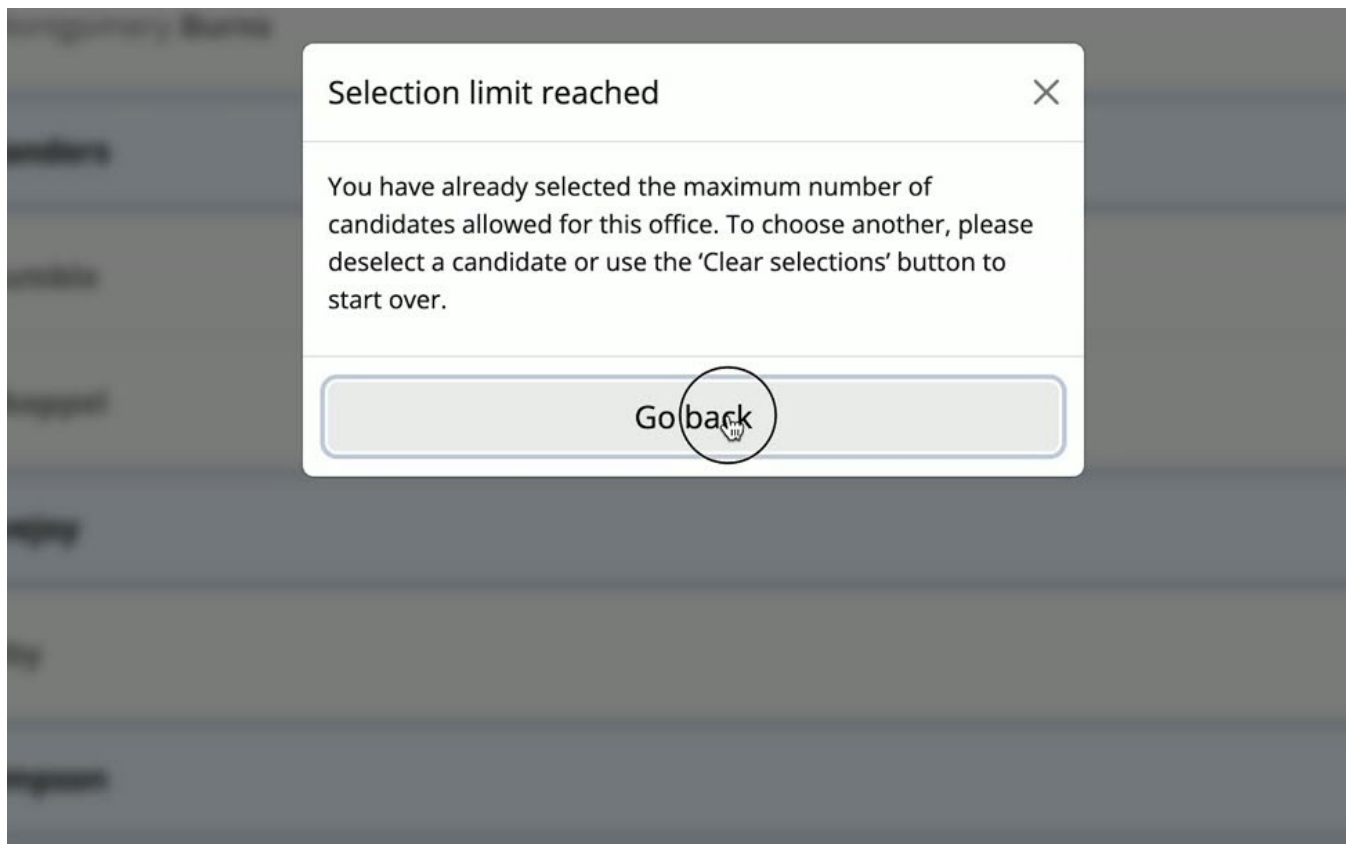
Homer Simpson

☐

Regional Councillor “ two candidates selected; you may choose up to four.

If you reach the selection limit

If you try to select more names than the office allows, a message appears: Selection limit reached. You must deselect someone first, or click Clear selections and start that contest again. Then click Go back to return to the list.



Selection limit reached deselect a candidate or clear selections, then continue.

Step 6

Review your ballot

After the last contest you reach Review and cast. Check every office. You can remove a choice with the X beside a name, or click Back to change a contest.

You may leave a contest blank. If you did, a yellow notice appears: you can leave it blank or go back to make a selection. A blank contest does not stop you from casting the rest of your ballot.

The screenshot displays a review screen for an online ballot. It features three contests, each with a selection box and a removal button (X).

- Contest 1:** Clancy Wiggum. The selection box contains the name "Clancy Wiggum".
- Contest 2:** Ward 3 Councillor. The selection box contains the name "Barbara Ann Minerva".
- Contest 3:** Trustee, York Region District School Board (Wards 3 & 4). The selection box is empty and displays "No selections made". Below the selection box, a yellow notice states: "You have not made any selections for this office. You may leave this contest blank or go back to make a selection."

At the bottom of the screen, there are two buttons: "Back" and "Cast ballot".

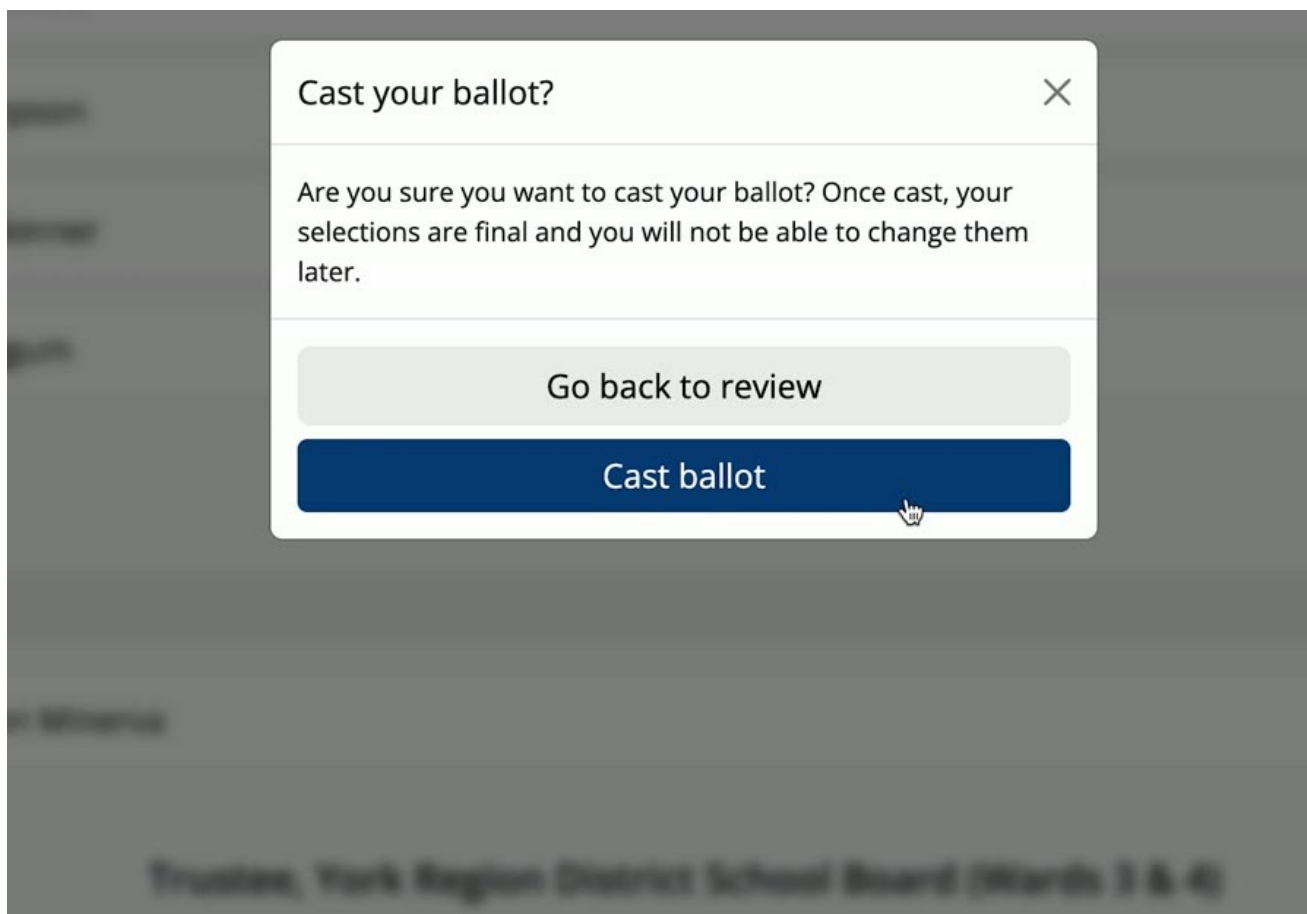
Review screen, confirm each selection. Blank contests are marked clearly.

Step 7

Cast your ballot

When you are satisfied, click Cast ballot. A confirmation window asks you to be sure. Once the ballot is cast, selections are final and cannot be changed.

- Read the warning: your vote cannot be changed after this step.
- Click Go back to review if you still need to change something.
- Click Cast ballot in the window to submit.



“Cast your ballot?” confirmation – click Cast ballot only when you are ready.

Step 8

(Optional) Save your receipt and tracking code

If the vote is accepted, you will see: Your ballot has been cast successfully.

Congratulations your ballot has been successfully cast and your vote has been count.

In some cases you will have a tracking code. Keep the tracking code. You can scan the QR code (or open the link) to visit the election verification site on another device.

- Write down or photograph your tracking code.
- **Optional:** click Finish and share feedback to complete the short survey.
- Click Finish and close when you are done.

The screenshot shows a receipt page with a progress bar at the top indicating three steps: 'Vote' (completed), 'Review and cast' (completed), and 'Receipt' (current step). The main content area displays the message 'Your ballot has been cast successfully.' followed by a thank you note and a link to a post-vote survey. Below this is a button labeled 'Finish and share feedback'. The tracking code '3aAbirg' is displayed in a large font. A QR code is shown with the word 'Scan' above it. Below the QR code is a link to open the election verification site on another device or a link to open it on this device. At the bottom left is a button labeled 'Finish and close'.

Receipt page with tracking code and QR code for verification.

In A glance

1. Login with Voting PIN and date of birth from your voter information letter.
2. Click Vote Now on Election Details.
3. Affirm the eligibility statement, then Continue.
4. Select candidates in each contest (you may leave a contest blank).
5. Review, then Cast ballot – this cannot be undone.
6. Keep your tracking code from the receipt.

Questions about the election process can be found on our website. For PIN or eligibility issues, contact the Clerk's office using the information on your voter information letter.