

Elections & Politicians - Canada

E-note: Elections & Politicians – Canada

Love them, hate them, or dismiss them - politicians do matter in our lives. At federal, provincial, and local levels, politicians make decisions on matters of critical importance to our lives.

These days, keeping up-to-date with 'who, what, when, where, and how' seems to be a smart thing to do. Links in this E-Note should help you sort this out.

Quick Canadian election facts:

- [Election Calendar](#). Public Service Commission of Canada.
- [Fixed Election Dates in Canada](#) (federal, provincial, and territorial governments). Wikipedia.
- [Table of Precedence for Canada](#). Government of Canada.

Note: see [Appendix #1](#) for links to municipal governments in all provinces. To identify local municipal politicians, navigate to a city website, then look for a link to 'Council' or 'Councillors'.

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Past / Upcoming elections across Canada

<u>2022:</u>	Quebec	October 3
	Toronto	October 24
<u>2023:</u>	Alberta	May 29
	Prince Edward Island	April 3 (originally, fixed date of Oct 2)
	Manitoba	October 3
	Northwest Territories	November 14 (originally, fixed date of Oct 3, 2023)
<u>2024:</u>	British Columbia	October 19
	New Brunswick	October 21
	Saskatchewan	October 28
<u>2025:</u>	Nova Scotia	July 15
	Nfld & Labrador	October 14
	Canada / federal	October 20
	Nunavut	October 27
	Yukon	November 3
<u>2026:</u>	Ontario	June 4
	Quebec	October 5
	Toronto	October 26
<u>2027:</u>	Alberta	May 31
	Prince Edward Island	Oct 4
	Manitoba	Oct 5
	Northwest Territories	Oct 5

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Canada / federal

Date of Confederation: July 1, 1867

Capital city: Ottawa, Ontario

Major online newspapers: [Globe and Mail](#), [National Post](#), [Ottawa Citizen](#), [Financial Post](#), [Ottawa Sun](#), [Le Droit](#)

Governor General:

- Her Excellency the Right Honourable **Mary Simon**
– Canada's first Indigenous Governor General.

Date of installation: July 26, 2021

– the Governor General serves, usually, for 5 years.

Prime Minister:

- The Right Honourable **Justin Trudeau** / Liberal

Elections Canada:

Last election: 44th General Election – Sept 20, 2021

Next election: on or before Oct 20, 2025

– this is a 'fixed' date set by *Canada Election Act, sec 56.1(2)* to be on the 3rd Monday in October, in the 4th calendar year after the previous election day

- [Canada Elections Act](#) (see section [56.1 \(2\)](#) for fixed date)
- [Registered Political Parties](#)
- [Elections Canada's Official Reports](#)

House of Commons

- **Current party standings:** 338 Members in office
[Party Standings in the House of Commons](#)
- [Current Members of Parliament](#)
- [Party Leaders and House Leaders](#)

Senate

- **Current membership:** 90 Senators (15 vacant seats)
[List of current Senators](#)

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Ontario

Date entered Confederation: July 1, 1867

Capital city: Toronto

Major online newspapers: [Globe and Mail](#), [Toronto Star](#),
[Financial Post](#), [Ottawa Citizen](#)

Lieutenant Governor:

The Honourable **Edith Dumont**

- 30th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Province's first Francophone LG

Date of installation: November 14, 2023

Previously, The Honourable **Elizabeth Dowdeswell**

– 29th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Date of installation: September 23, 2014

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario serves a non-fixed term of at least five years.

Premier:

The Honourable **Doug Ford** / Progressive Conservative Party

Elections Ontario

Last elections:

42nd General Election – June 7, 2018

43rd General Election – June 2, 2022

Next election: on or before June 4, 2026

– this is a 'fixed' date set by [Election Statute Law Amendment Act 2005](#),
sec 1.(3), as amended by [Election Statute Amendment Act, 2016](#), *sec.7* to
be on the 1st Thursday in June, every 4 years

– date was moved from October to June in order to avoid conflict with
municipal elections

- [Official election results](#)
- [Registered Political Parties](#)

Legislative Assembly of Ontario

- **Current party standings:** 124 current Members
- [Current Members of the Legislature](#)

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Toronto, Ontario

Major online newspapers: [Toronto Star](#), [Toronto Sun](#)

Mayor of Toronto:

Olivia Chow, 66th Mayor of Toronto.

See [Byelection results](#) / 2023 - 2012

The position of Mayor was previously vacant until a byelection, June 26, 2023. After Mayor John Tory resigned, effective Friday February 17, 2023 at 5pm., [Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie](#) temporarily assumed powers and duties of the Mayor.

- [John Tory formally resigns as mayor of Toronto effective Friday](#). Bryann Aguilar. CTV News / Toronto. February 15, 2023.
- [Torontonians to head to the polls June 26 for mayoral byelection, city clerk says](#). CBC News. Updated February 23, 2023.

Election dates:

Last elections: October 22, 2018

October 24, 2022

Next election: October 26, 2026

– this is a ‘fixed’ date set by the [Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c.32, sec. 5](#) to be held on the 4th Monday of October, every 4 years starting from 2006

Toronto Council:

- **Current Council Members:** 26 (Mayor and 25 Councillors)
- [Members of Council](#)

Toronto Elections Office

- [General Election Results](#), 2003 to date

Elections & Politicians - Canada

In summer 2018, halfway into the municipal election campaign, Premier Ford announced plans to reduce the size of Toronto City Council from 47 to 25 members, ostensibly for better decision-making and budget savings.

- [July 27, 2018](#) – Ford government announces plans to cut Toronto council in half
- [July 30, 2018](#) – Ford government introduces **Bill 5: the *Better Local Government Act, 2018*** to reduce the size of council
- [August 14, 2018](#) – Bill 5 is passed and receives Royal Assent
- [October 22, 2018](#) – the Toronto municipal election takes place, using the reduced council size
- [September 19, 2019](#) – the Ontario Court of Appeal rules in favour of Bill 5
- [October 1, 2021](#) – the Supreme Court of Canada rules in favour of Ontario's Bill 5, ending a 3-year court battle

Elections & Politicians - Canada

British Columbia

Date entered Confederation: July 20, 1871

Capital city: Victoria

Major online newspapers: [The Province](#), [Vancouver Sun](#)

Lieutenant Governor:

The Honourable **Janet Austin**

– 30th Lieutenant Governor

Date of installation: April 24, 2018

– the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia is appointed for a period of not less than 5 years

Premier:

On Friday, October 21, 2022, David Eby became leader of the B.C. New Democratic Party, thus provincial premier-designate. He was later officially sworn in as the province's 37th Premier on November 18, 2022. He does not intend to hold an election before October 2024.

> The Honourable **John Horgan** had, months earlier, announced his plan to leave office as premier when his NDP party held a leadership convention in the Fall of 2022. [CBC News. June 28, 2022.](#)

Election dates:

Last election: October 24, 2020

Next election: October 19, 2024

– this is a 'fixed' date, set by the BC [Constitution Amendment Act 2017, SBC 2017, sec 3](#), to be every four years on the third Saturday of October

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

- **Current party standings:** 87 current Members
- [List of current Members](#)

Elections British Columbia

- [Elections BC official election results](#)
- [Registered political parties](#)

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Alberta

Date entered Confederation: September 1, 1905

Capital city: Edmonton

Major online newspapers: [Edmonton Journal](#), [Calgary Herald](#)

Lieutenant Governor:

Her Honour, the Honourable **Salma Lakhani**

– 19th Lieutenant Governor

Date of installation: August 26, 2020

– the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta is conventionally appointed for a period of not less than 5 years

Premier:

The Honourable **Danielle Smith** / United Conservative Party.

Officially sworn in as Premier, October 11, 2022, and again, on June 9, 2023 after her May 29 election win. She was chosen as UCP leader, October 6, 2022

(The Honourable **Jason Kenney** / United Conservative Party resigned as UCP leader on May 19, 2022 but stayed on as party leader until Danielle Smith was chosen as party leader, October 6, 2022)

Election dates:

Last elections: April 16, 2019 // May 29, 2023

Next election: May 31, 2027

– this is a ‘fixed’ date, set in December 2021 by the [Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 \(No.2\), sec 29](#) (Bill 81) to be the last Monday in May in the fourth calendar year following the most recent election.

Legislative Assembly of Alberta

- **Current party standings:** 87 current Members
- [List of current Members](#)

Elections Alberta

- [Official election results](#)
- [Registered political parties](#)

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Saskatchewan

Date entered Confederation: September 1, 1905

Capital city: Regina

Major online newspapers: [Regina Leader Post](#),
[Saskatoon Star Phoenix](#), [Moose Jaw Today](#)

Lieutenant Governor:

His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty

Date of installation: July 18, 2019

– the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan is conventionally appointed for a minimum 5-year term of office

Premier:

The Honourable Scott Moe / Saskatchewan Party

Election dates:

Last election: October 26, 2020

Next election: October 28, 2024

– this is a ‘fixed’ date, set by a 2019 amendment to [The Legislative Assembly 2007](#), [sec 8.1\(2\)](#) to be the last Monday in October the fourth calendar year following the previous election.

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

- **Current party standings:** 61 current Members
- [List of current Members](#)

Elections Saskatchewan

- [Official election results](#)
- [Registered political parties](#)

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Manitoba

Date entered Confederation: July 15, 1870

Capital city: Winnipeg

Major online newspapers: [Winnipeg Free Press](#)

Lieutenant Governor:

The Honourable Anita R Neville (succeeds Janice C Filmon, June 19, 2015-)

Date of installation: October 24, 2022

– the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba is conventionally appointed for a minimum 5-year term of office

Premier:

[Wab Kinew](#), leader of the New Democratic Party of Manitoba, became the province's first First Nations leader to hold the post of Premier. He will be premier-designate until formally sworn in.

The government of the Honourable Heather Stefanson / Progressive Conservative was [defeated in a provincial election on October 3, 2023](#).

Election dates:

Last election: October 3, 2023

Next election: October 5, 2027

– this is a 'fixed' date, set by a 2006 amendment to [The Elections Act](#), sec 49.1(2) to be the first Tuesday in October the fourth calendar year following the previous election.

Legislative Assembly of Manitoba

- **Current number of ridings:** 57
- [List of current Members](#)

Elections Manitoba

- [Official election results](#)
- [Registered political parties](#)

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Quebec

Date entered Confederation: July 1, 1867

Capital city: Quebec City

Major online newspapers: [Montreal Gazette](#), , [Le Soleil](#), [Le Droit](#),
[Le Journal de Montreal](#), [La Presse](#)

Lieutenant Governor:

The Honourable Manon Jeannotte

Date of installation: January 25, 2024

Previously: The Honourable J Michel Doyon

Date of installation: September 24, 2015

– the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec is conventionally appointed for a minimum 5-year term of office

Premier:

The Honourable Francois Legault / Coalition avenir Quebec (CAQ)

Election dates:

Last general elections: October 1, 2018
October 3, 2022

Next election: October 5, 2026

– this is a ‘fixed’ date, set in 2013 by [An Act to amend the Election Act for the purpose of establishing fixed-date elections](#), sec 3 to be the first Monday in October the fourth calendar year following the previous election.

Assemblée Nationale du Quebec

- **Current number of ridings:** 125
- [List of current Members](#)

Elections Quebec

- [Official election results](#)
- [Registered political parties](#)

Elections & Politicians - Canada

New Brunswick

Date entered Confederation: July 1, 1867

Capital city: Fredericton

Major online newspapers: [Telegraph-Journal](#)

Lieutenant Governor:

The Honourable Brenda Murphy

Date of installation: September 8, 2019

– the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick is conventionally appointed for a minimum 5-year term of office

Premier:

The Honourable Blaine Higgs / Progressive Conservative

Election dates:

Last general election: September 14, 2020

Next election: October 21, 2024

– this is a ‘fixed’ date, set by a 2017 amendment to [The Legislative Assembly Act](#), sec 3(4)(b) to be the third Monday in October the fourth calendar year following the previous election.

Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick

- **Current number of ridings:** 49
- **List of current Members**

Elections New Brunswick

- **Official election results**
- **Registered political parties**

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Nova Scotia

Date entered Confederation: July 1, 1867

Capital city: Halifax

Major online newspapers: [Nova Scotia Herald](#),
[South Shore & Nova Scotia News](#)

Lieutenant Governor:

The Honourable Arthur Joseph LeBlanc

Date of installation: June 28, 2017

– the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia is conventionally appointed for a minimum 5-year term of office

Premier:

The Honourable Tim Houston / Progressive Conservative

Election dates:

Last general election: August 17, 2021

Next election: July 15, 2025

– this is a ‘fixed’ date, set by a 2021 amendment to [The Elections Act](#), sec 29A(2) to be the third Tuesday in July the fourth calendar year following the previous election

Nova Scotia was [the last province](#) to adopt a fixed election date.

Nova Scotia Legislature

- **Current number of ridings:** 54
- **List of current Members**

Elections Nova Scotia

- **Official election results**
- **Registered political parties**

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Prince Edward Island

Date entered Confederation: July 1, 1873

Capital city: Charlottetown

Major online newspapers:

Lieutenant Governor:

The Honourable Antoinette Perry

Date of installation: October 20, 2017

– the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island is conventionally appointed for a minimum 5-year term of office

Premier:

The Honourable Dennis King / Progressive Conservative

Election dates:

Last general elections: April 23, 2019
April 3, 2023

Next election: October 4, 2027

– this is normally a ‘fixed’ date, set by a 2008 amendment to [*The Election Act*](#), sec 4.1(2)(b) to be the first Monday in October the fourth calendar year following the previous election

Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island

- **Current number of ridings:** 27
- **List of current Members**

Elections Prince Edward Island

- **Official election results**
- **Registered political parties**

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Newfoundland and Labrador

Date entered Confederation: March 31, 1949

Capital city: St. John's

Major online newspapers: [SaltWire](#) (e-editions: The Chronicle Herald, Cape Breton Post, The Telegram, The Guardian)

Lieutenant Governor:

Her Honour The Honourable [Joan Marie J Aylward](#)

Date of installation: November 14, 2023

– the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador is conventionally appointed for a minimum 5-year term of office

Premier:

The Honourable Andrew Furey / Liberal Party

Election dates:

Last general election: February 13, 2021

Next election: October 14, 2025

– this is a ‘fixed’ date, set by a 2004 amendment to the [House of Assembly Act, sec 3.\(2\)](#) to be the second Tuesday in October the fourth calendar year following the previous election

House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador

- **Current number of ridings:** 40
- **List of current Members**

Elections Newfoundland and Labrador

- **Official election results**
- **Registered political parties**

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Northwest Territories

Date entered Confederation: July 15, 1870

Capital city: Yellowknife

Major online newspapers: [Yellowknife Online](#), [Yellowknifer](#),
[NWT News North](#), [Inuvik Drum](#), [Hay River Hub](#),
Northwest

Commissioner of the Northwest Territories

(equivalent to a provincial Lieutenant Governor):

Margaret M Thom

Date of installation: June 26, 2017, originally for a term of 4 years

Premier:

On December 7, 2023, [Mr. Simpson](#) was elected Premier of the Northwest Territories.

Election dates:

Last general elections:

2019 - October 1

2023 - November 14 (originally a fixed date of October 3, 2023; [delayed due to unprecedented disruption of the 2023 wildfire season](#))

Next election: October 5, 2027

– this is a ‘fixed’ date, set by a 2004 amendment to the [Elections and Plebiscite Act](#), **sec 39.(5)** to be the first Tuesday in October the fourth calendar year following the previous election

Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

- **Current number of ridings:** 19
- [List of current Members](#)

Elections Northwest Territories

- [Unofficial election results 2023](#)

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Nunavut

Date entered Confederation: April 1, 1999

Capital city: Iqaluit

Major online newspapers: [Nunatsiaq News](#), [Nunavut News](#),
[Kivalliq News](#)

Commissioner of Nunavut

(equivalent to a provincial Lieutenant Governor):

The Honourable Eva Qamaniq Aariak

Date of installation: February 3, 2021

Premier:

The Honourable PJ Akeeagok / Independent member

Election dates:

Last general election: October 25, 2021

Next election: October 27, 2025

– this is a ‘fixed’ date, set by a 2014 amendment to the [Nunavut Elections Act](#), sec 36.(3.1) to be the last Monday in October the fourth calendar year following the previous election

Legislative Assembly of Nunavut

- **Current number of ridings:** 22
- **List of current Members**

Elections Nunavut

- **Official election results**

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Yukon

Date entered Confederation: June 13, 1898

Capital city: Whitehorse

Major online newspapers: [Whitehorse Daily Star](#), [Yukon News](#), [Klondike Sun](#)

Commissioner of Yukon

(equivalent to a provincial Lieutenant Governor):

Currently, [The Honourable Adeline Webber](#)

Date of installation: May 31, 2023

Formerly, The Honourable Angelique Bernard
(March 12, 2018 – May 31, 2023)

Premier:

[Ranj Pillai](#) was officially sworn in as Yukon's 10th Premier, Saturday January 14, 2023. He succeeds the former Premier, the Honourable Sandy Silver / Liberal Party, who announced in September 2022 his intention to step down as Premier and not run in the territory's next general election in 2025.

Election dates:

Last general elections: April 12, 2021
November 14, 2023

Next election: November 3, 2025

– this is a 'fixed' date, set by a 2020 amendment to the [Elections Act](#), sec 50.01(2)(b) to be the first Monday in November the fourth calendar year following the previous election

Yukon Legislative Assembly

- **Current number of ridings:** 19
- [List of current Members](#)

Elections Yukon

- [Official election results](#)
- Registered political parties (see [Elections Yukon FAQ](#))
Appendix #1: municipal governments in all provinces

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Appendix #1: Municipalities / municipal politicians in Canada

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – [full list of municipal members in all provinces](#)

Municipality Canada – [Information on cities and villages of Canada.](#)

[Canada: Urban Areas and Major Population Centers.](#) City Population DE.

Note: To identify local municipal politicians, navigate to a city website then look for links to ‘Council’ or ‘Councillors’.

* * * * *

British Columbia

- [Directory of Municipalities](#) (161). CIVIC INFO BC.
- [Municipalities in B.C.](#) Government of British Columbia.
- [Member Directory.](#) Union of BC Municipalities.
- [List of municipalities in British Columbia.](#) Wikipedia.

Alberta

- [Municipalities and communities.](#) Government of Alberta.
- [Supporting Alberta’s Municipalities.](#) Alberta Municipalities.
- [Alberta – full list of cities and towns.](#) Municipality – Canada.
- [List of municipalities in Alberta.](#) Wikipedia.

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Saskatchewan

- [Welcome to Municipal Directory System.](#) Government of Saskatchewan.
- [Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.](#)
- [List of municipalities in Saskatchewan.](#) Wikipedia.

Manitoba

- [Municipal Officials Directory.](#) Manitoba Municipal Relations.
- [Manitoba: full list of cities and towns.](#) Municipality Canada.
- [Association of Manitoba Municipalities.](#)
- [List of municipalities in Manitoba.](#) Wikipedia.

Ontario

- [List of Ontario municipalities \(444\).](#) Ontario Government.
- [Association of Municipalities Ontario \(AMO\)](#)
- [Ontario Municipalities.](#) Association of Municipalities Ontario.
- [List of municipalities in Ontario.](#) Wikipedia.

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Quebec

- [Municipal Directory](#). Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- [Municipalities divided into electoral districts](#). Elections Quebec.
- [Directory of Quebec Municipalities](#). Government of Canada.
- [List of municipalities in Quebec](#). Wikipedia.

New Brunswick

- [Municipalities](#) (Cities, Towns, Villages) and Rural Communities. Environment and Local Government.
- [List of municipalities in New Brunswick](#). Wikipedia.
- [Full list of new local government names](#) – New Brunswick. CBC News. May 26, 2022.
- [New Brunswick – full list of cities and towns](#). Municipality – Canada.
- [List of municipalities – New Brunswick](#). Government of Canada.

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Nova Scotia

- [Nova Scotia's municipalities](#). Property Valuation Services Corporation.
- [Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities](#).
- [Association of Municipal Administrators Nova Scotia](#).
- [Nova Scotia Municipal Governments – Archive](#). Dalhousie University.
- [Nova Scotia – full list of cities and towns](#). Municipality – Canada.
- [List of municipalities – Nova Scotia](#). Government of Canada.
- [Counties and Municipal Units / Canada – Nova Scotia](#). City Population DE.
- [List of municipalities in Nova Scotia](#). Wikipedia.

Prince Edward Island

- [Municipal Directory](#). Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities.
- [Search the Municipal Directory](#). Online Services.
- [List of municipalities in Prince Edward Island](#). Wikipedia.
- [Municipal ward and poll map](#). Elections Prince Edward Island.
- [Municipal Governments](#). Government of Prince Edward Island.
- [List of municipalities – Prince Edward Island](#). Government of Canada

Elections & Politicians - Canada

Newfoundland & Labrador

- [Municipal Directory](#). Municipal and Provincial Affairs.
- [Municipal Directory](#). Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador.
- [Municipalities – Newfoundland and Labrador](#). Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- [Newfoundland and Labrador – full list of cities and towns](#). Municipality – Canada.
- [List of municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador](#). Wikipedia.