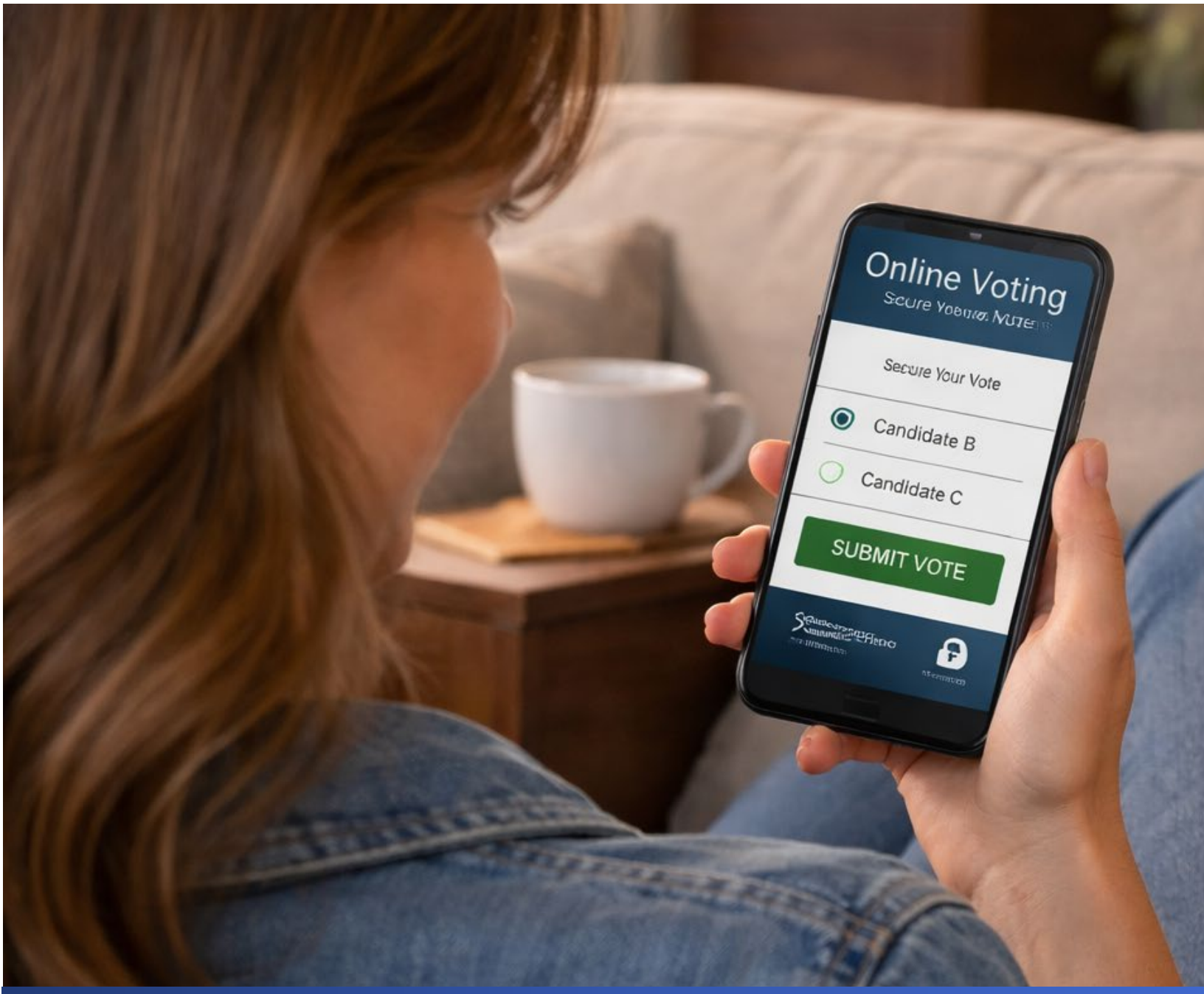
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Voter Guide

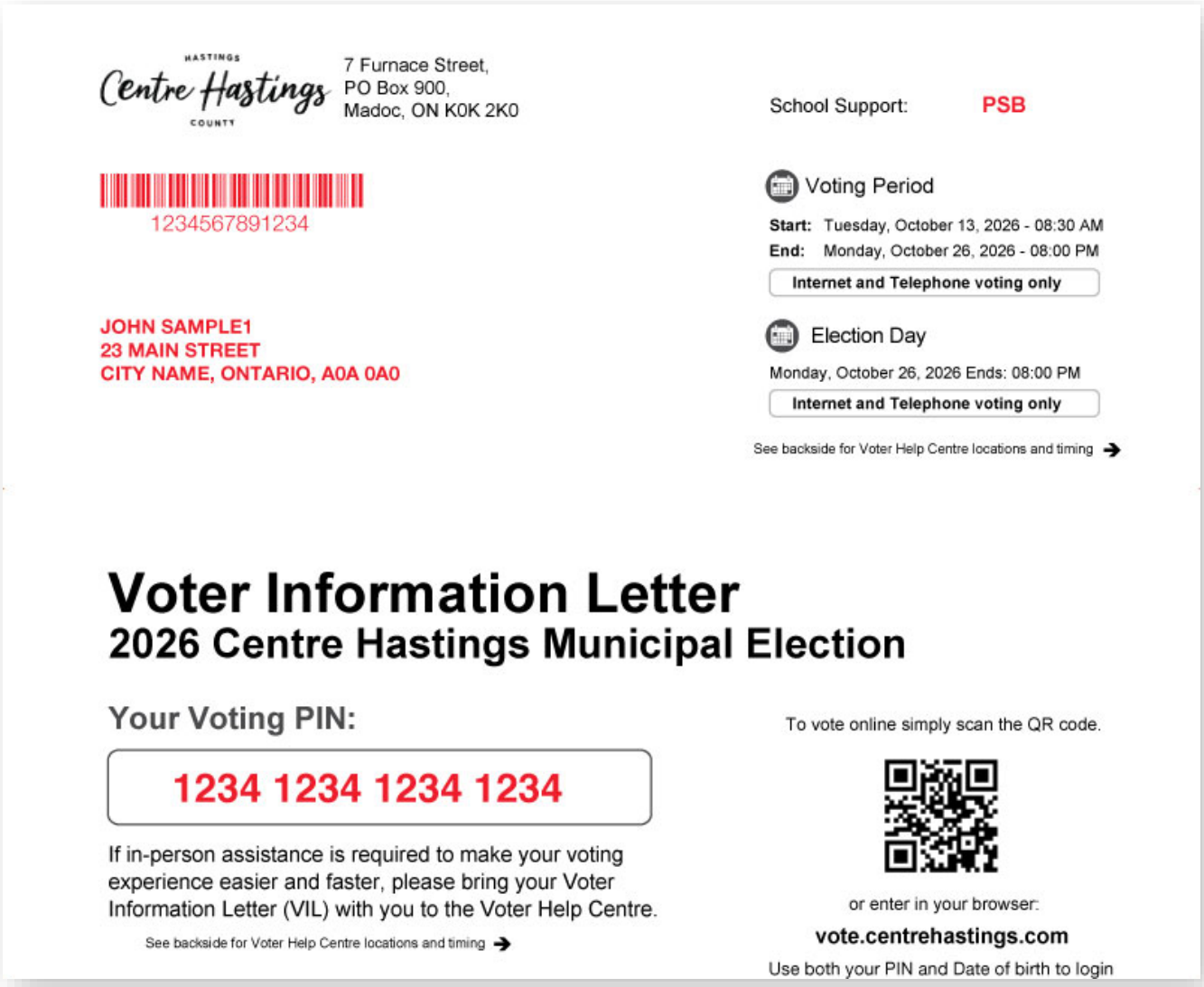
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This guide walks through the online voting process Screenshots use demonstration data (a sample PIN and placeholder candidate names). Your live ballot will show the real eligibility statement and the real candidates for your election.

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.



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Voting Period

Start: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - 08:30 AM
End: Monday, October 26, 2026 - 08:00 PM

Internet and Telephone voting only

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

Election Day

Monday, October 26, 2026 Ends: 08:00 PM

Internet and Telephone voting only

See backside for Voter Help Centre locations and timing →

Voter Information Letter
2026 Centre Hastings Municipal 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 the Voter Help Centre.

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To vote online simply scan the QR code.

or enter in your browser:

vote.centrehastings.com

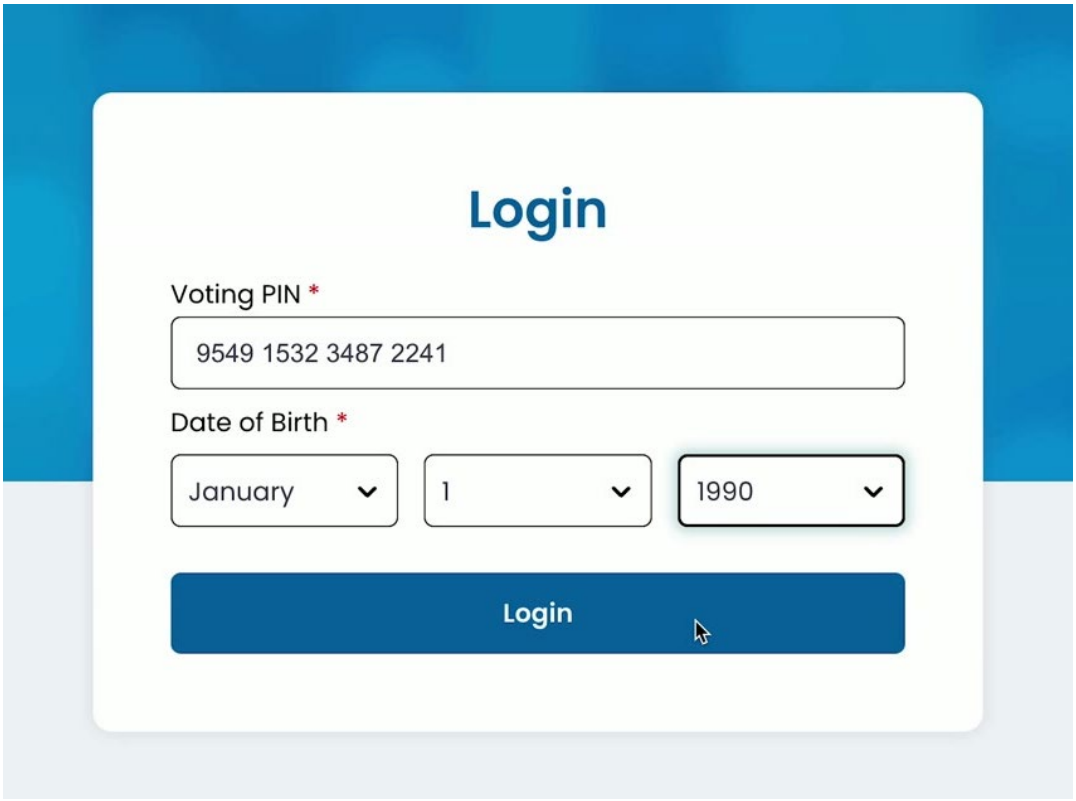
Use both your PIN and Date of birth to login

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.



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

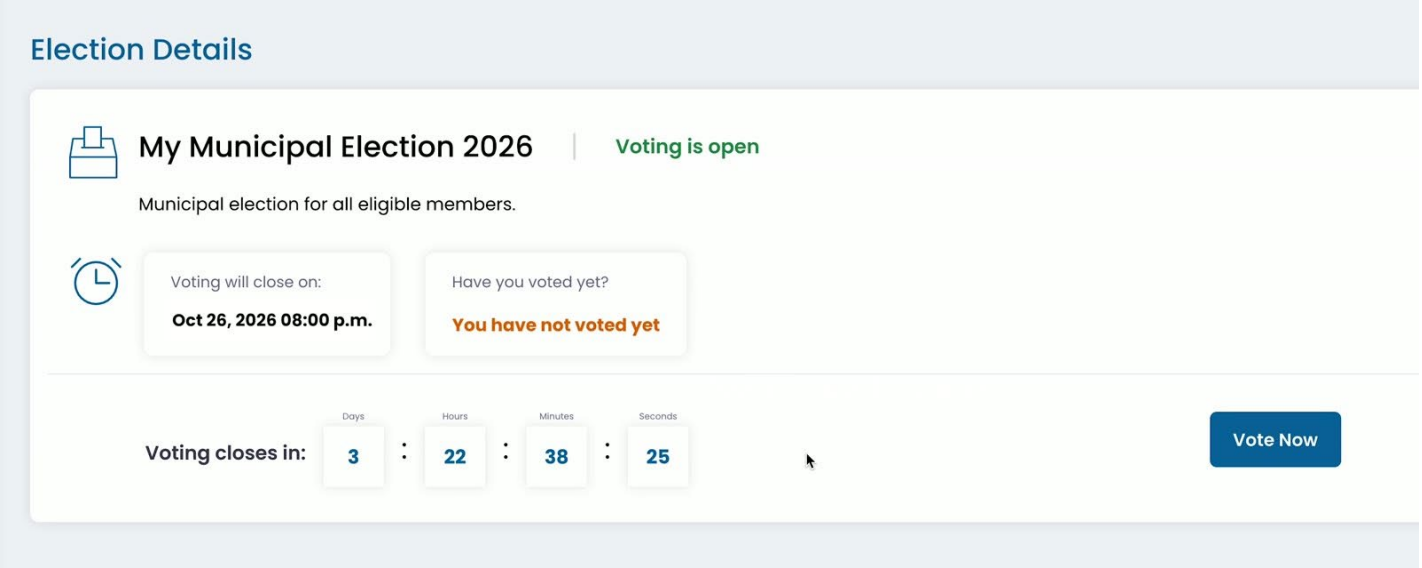
When PIN and date of birth are complete, click Login.

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 for My Municipal Election 2026 click Vote Now.

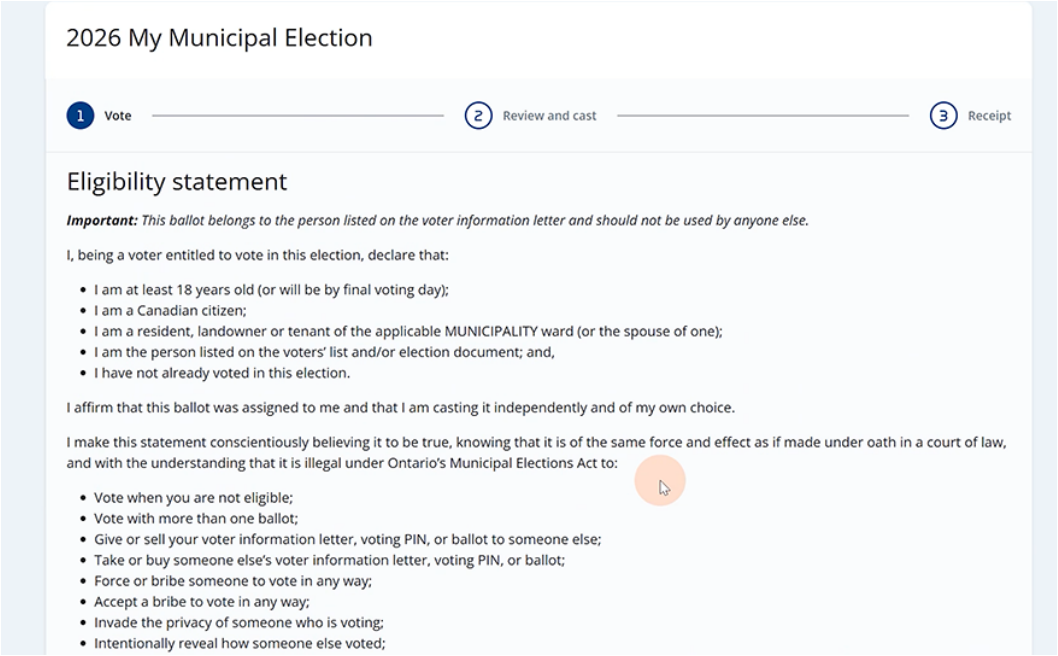
Step 3

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.

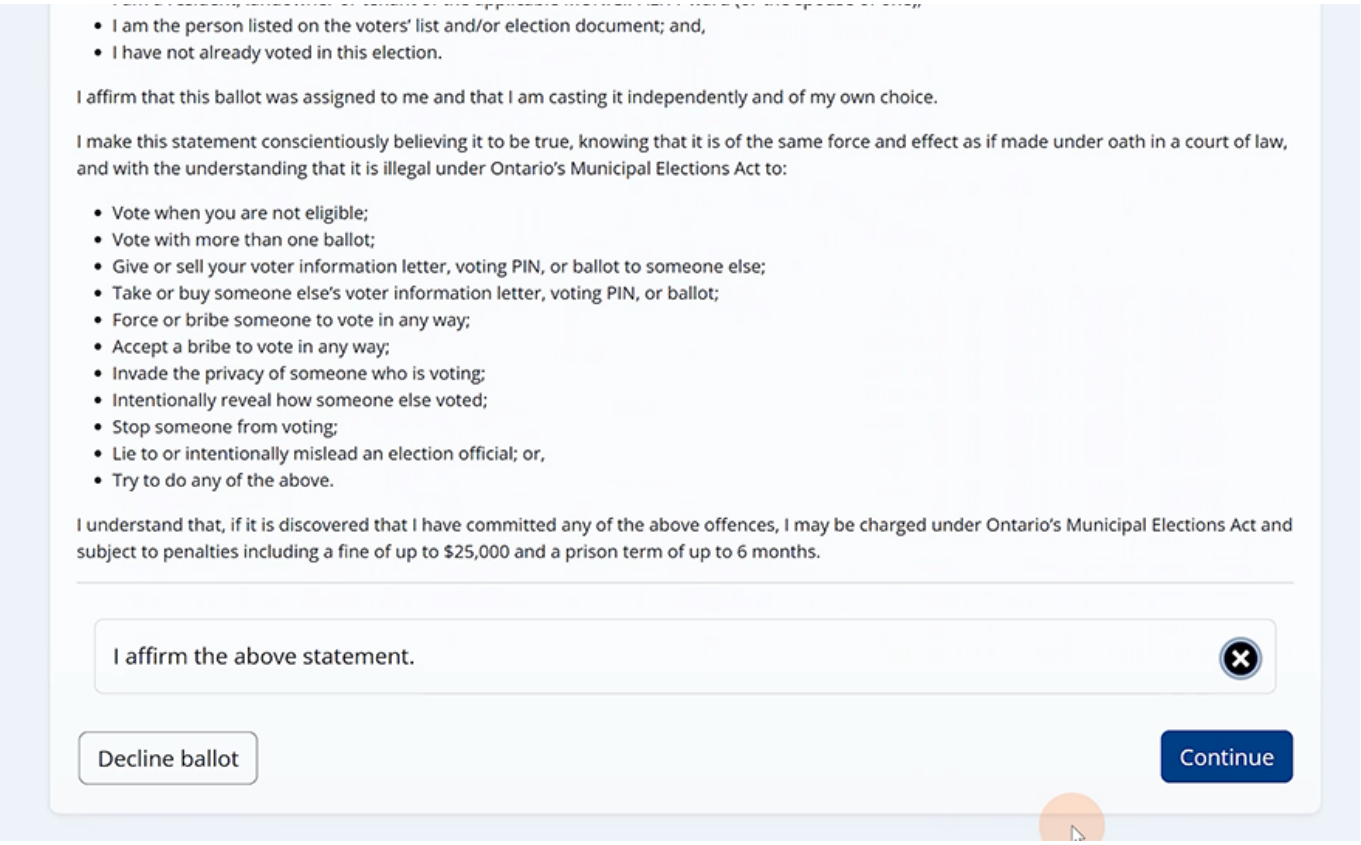
- Read the full statement, including offences under Ontario Municipal Elections Act.
- Select I affirm the above statement.
- Click Continue. Use Decline ballot only if you do not wish to vote.



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.



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.



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.

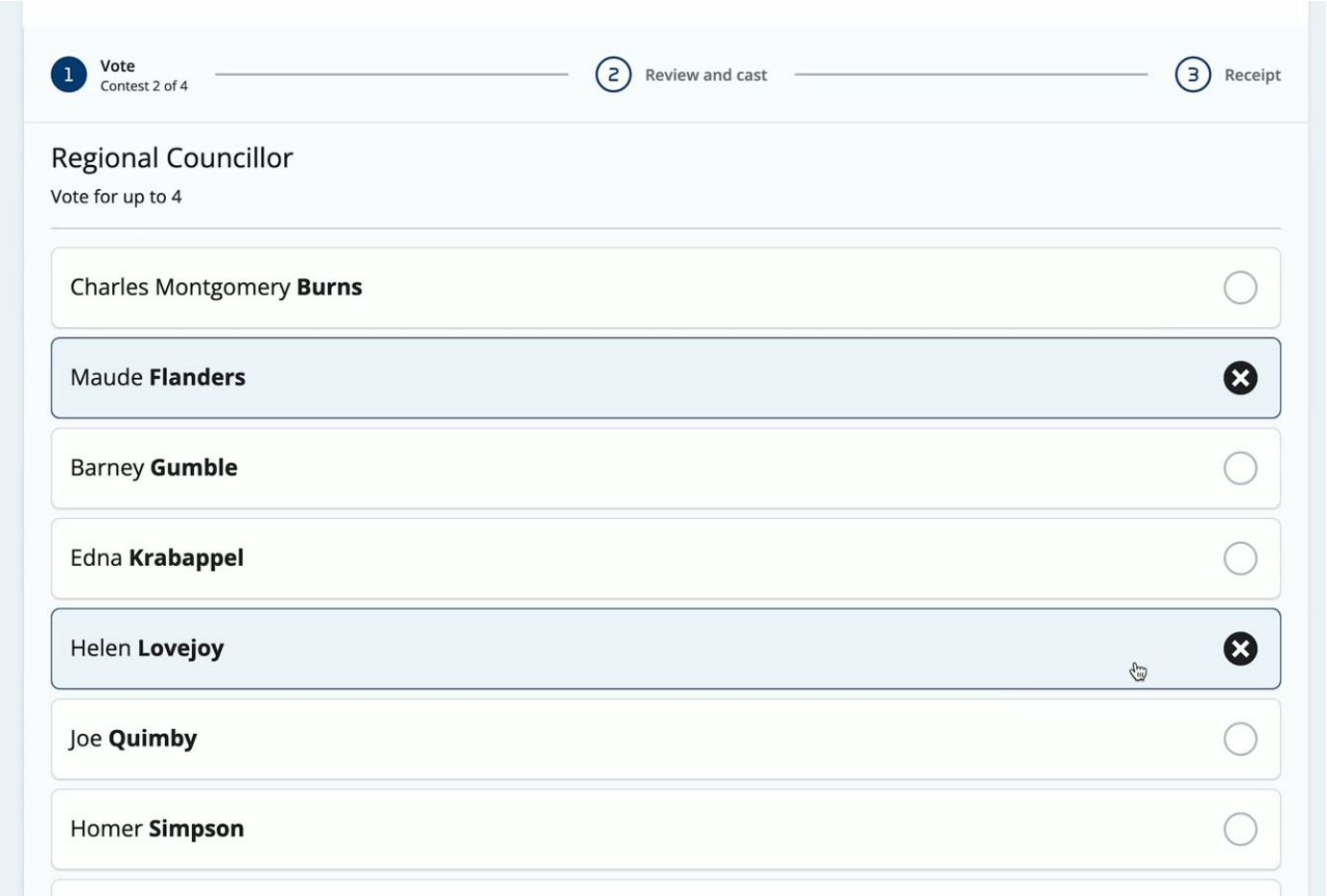


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Step 5

Contests that allow more than one choice

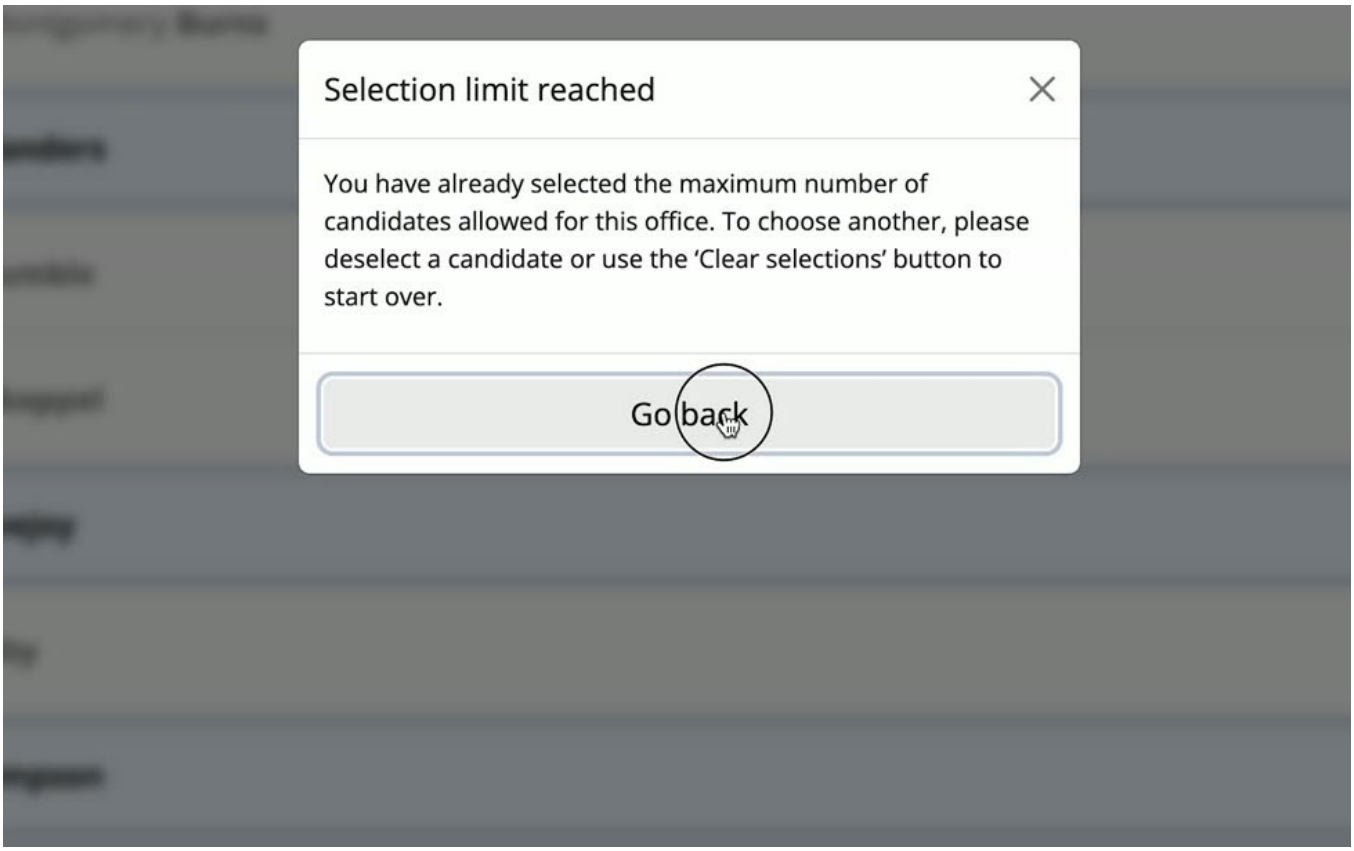
Some offices let you vote for more than one candidate. The page title tells you the office and the limit (for example, Regional Councillor or councillors Vote for up to 4). Click each candidate you want, up to the maximum.



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.



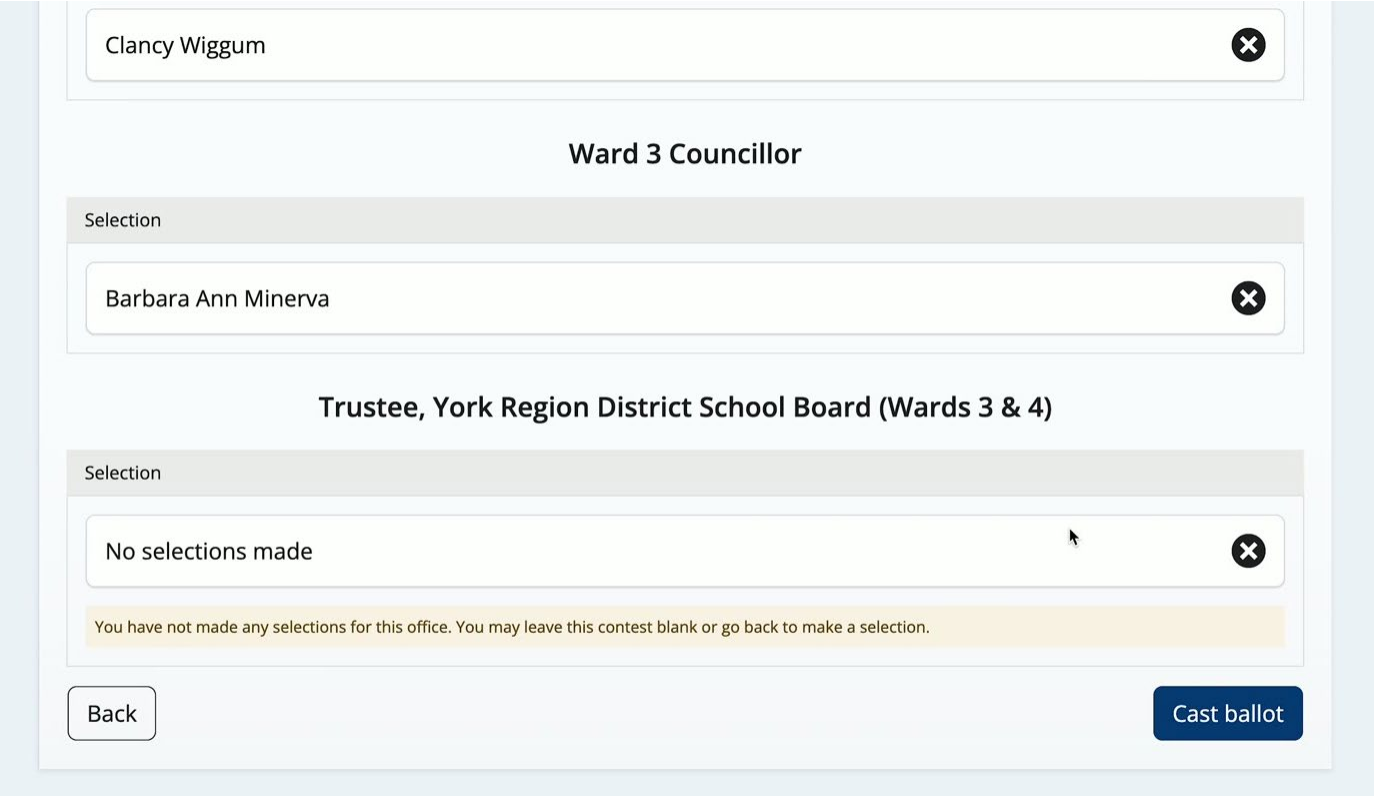
Selection limit reached deselect a candidate or clear selections, then continue.

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.



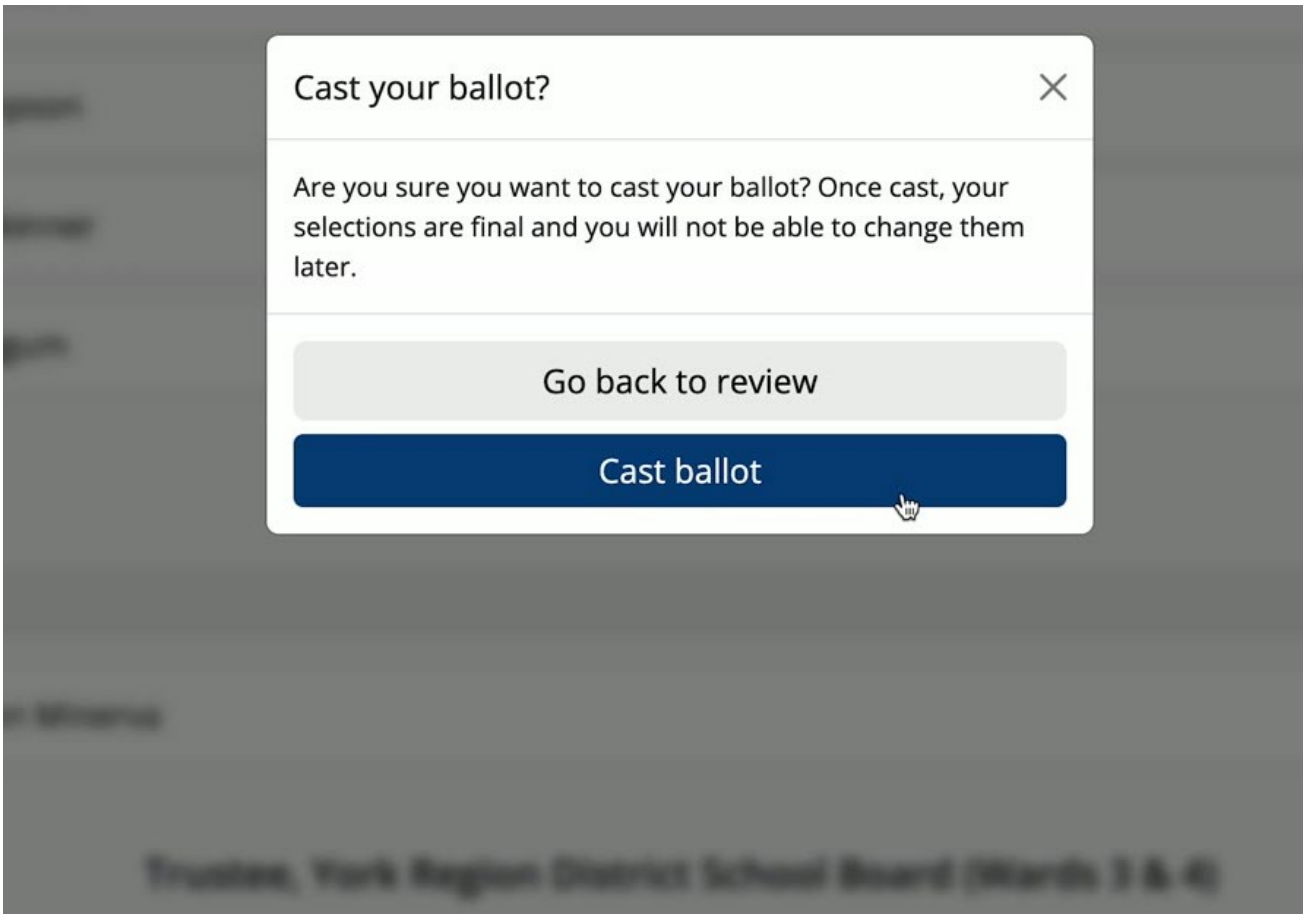
Review screen, confirm each selection. Blank contests are marked clearly.

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?â€ confirmation â€” click Cast ballot only when you are ready.

Step 8

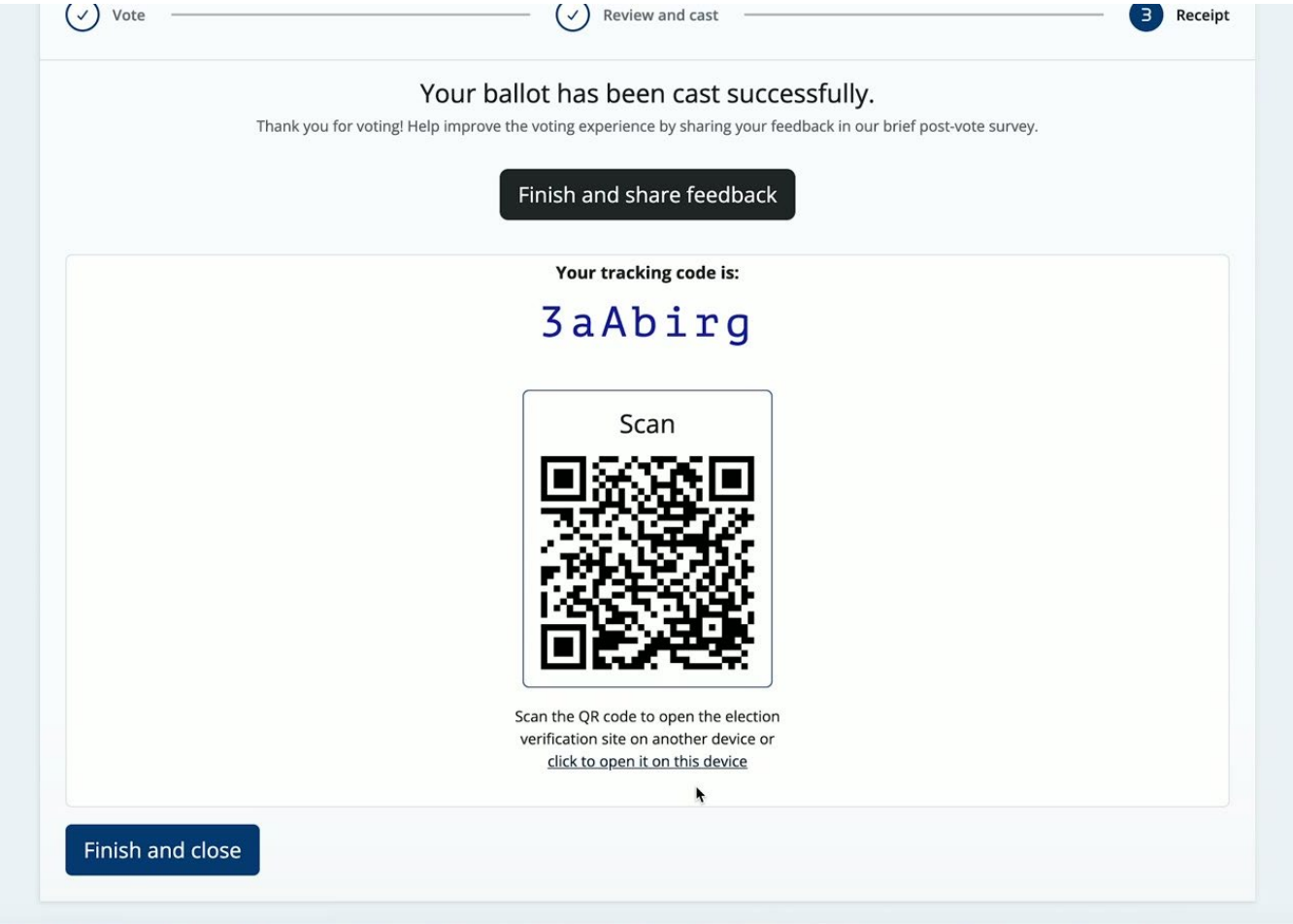
(Optinal) Save your receipt and tracking code

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.



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 â€” 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.