

Overview of Election-Period Restrictions for Members of Council

Date (2026)	Restrictions	Source
	<p>This table is not exhaustive: see source documents for full rules</p>	
<p>May 1 – Oct 26 (Voting Day)</p>	<p>Members cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use City resources for election purposes • use City marks (logo, crest, slogan) on campaign material • Campaign at City events or at City facilities • post photos with City employees in uniform • use City-funded websites for campaigns 	<p>Use of City Resources during an Election Period Policy</p>
<p>August 1- Oct 26 (Voting Day)</p>	<p>Members cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • send newsletters or mass emails • place advertisements • organize community events including environment days, barbecues or movie nights • conduct robocalls or virtual townhalls • attend conferences or seminars unless a Board Member of FCM or similar • order new office furniture, equipment etc. • purchase tickets for functions or events 	<p>Members of Council Operations Policy, s. 6</p>
<p>August 21- Oct 26 (Voting Day)</p>	<p>In the IC Complaint Blackout Period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the IC terminates active investigations • the IC cannot receive new complaints • Members are still subject to the Code of Conduct for Members of Council and the <i>Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i>, and may be subject to investigation after the Blackout Period 	<p>Interpretation Bulletin 2026 Municipal Election Requirements</p>
<p>After Nomination Papers Filed (between May 1 and August 21)</p>	<p>Members cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept donations or stage any community event supported by donations and sponsorships 	<p>Council Member Organized Community Events Policy</p>
<p>After Nomination Period Closes (Aug 21) if Member is not Seeking Re-election</p>	<p>Once a Member has announced after the nomination deadline that they are not seeking re-election, the Member cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase staff salary • Buy furniture and equipment or trade with other Members • Undertake business travel 	<p>Members of Council Operations Policy, s. 6</p>
<p>After Oct 26 (Voting Day)</p>	<p>Members not returning to Council cannot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase staff salary • Buy furniture and equipment or trade with other Members • Undertake business travel • Incur community expenses 	<p>Members of Council Operations Policy, s. 6</p>