

# Ballots set and advance voting open for October 19 Federal election

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The nomination deadline has passed and the ballots are firmed up for the upcoming October 19 Federal election.

In this, the first election that will see Aurora split into two Federal electoral ridings at Wellington Street, five candidates each are vying for your attention in both the reconfigured riding of Newmarket-Aurora and the newly-created riding of Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill.

In Newmarket-Aurora, perennial candidate Dorian Baxter is once again seeking election as a member of the Progressive Canadian Party, while incumbent Lois Brown is seeking re-election as candidate for the Conservative Party of Canada. Yvonne Kelly is vying for your vote as the NDP candidate, while Vanessa Long is in the race for the Green Party and Kyle Peterson for the Liberals.

Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill sees Leona Alleslev carrying the Liberal banner, while Kyle Bowles is in the race for the Animal Alliance Environment Voters Party of Canada. Costas Menegakis, the incumbent for portions of Richmond Hill contained in the new riding, seeks election as the Conservative candidate, while Brenda Power, representing the NDP and Green Party candidate Randi Ramdeen also seek your vote.

While most Canadians will go to the polls on Monday, October 19 (check your voter card for your polling location), early polls are set to open this Friday, running through Monday. Aurorans living on the south side of Wellington Street can cast their votes from 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library while those residents living on the north side of Wellington Street can vote from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Aurora Town Hall.