

2026 Municipal Election Candidate Showcase

For the first time, the Town of Innisfil is offering a *Candidate Showcase*! This non-partisan, neutral resource is designed to help residents get to know the people seeking municipal office.

Candidates were invited to share a brief biography highlighting their personal background, professional experience, education, and community involvement or volunteerism.

Civility Pledge

The Town's Electoral Engagement Advisory Committee encouraged candidates in the 2026 Municipal Election to sign a civility pledge through **Elect Respect**, a Canada-wide initiative promoting a culture where candidates, elected officials, and the public can participate in democracy free from fear, intimidation, harassment and personal attacks.

The pledge encourages participants to treat others with respect, reject harassment and personal attacks, focus debate on ideas and policies, and help create a safe, inclusive environment for public life.

Participation is voluntary. Candidates who completed the online pledge are identified in their Candidate Showcase biography.

Find more election information at innisfil.ca/election.



Did you know? Residents can also sign the Elect Respect pledge online!

Candidates for Mayor

Listed in alphabetical order by last name

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Lynn Dollin

Lynn has proudly called Innisfil home for over four decades. Lynn's background is in municipal and provincial politics. With experience as a local small business owner, Lynn is familiar with the community's diverse makeup and local issues.

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Kenneth Fowler

Kenneth brings eight years of governance experience and a background in technical and management roles. A devoted husband and father, he is dedicated to Innisfil and proud to serve its community.

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Travis Romer

A resident of 30+ years, with education in Environmental Technology, specializing in Civil Engineering. Travis leads strategic experience in roads, infrastructure, project management, budgeting & negotiation. Also, OACETT leadership & volunteer services.

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Dana Stott

Dana is a municipal and community leader with over 10 years of government and strategic planning experience. Dana works with elected officials, boards and community organizations to solve problems and advocate for residents.

✉️ votestott@gmail.com Dana Stott

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Candidates for Deputy Mayor

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Dave Cockburn

Dave and his wife, Yvonne, have proudly called Innisfil home for 35 years. With 30 years of community volunteer service and more than 40 years experience in transportation and energy, Dave brings a strong record of service, knowledge and local commitment.

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Fillip Letichever

Fillip moved to Innisfil in 2023. Educated at Anne Frank Public School, Crestwood Preparatory College and CDI College, he brings experience in cybersecurity, digital forensics, Bitcoin mining and AI data centre development and operations.

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Rob Nicol

An Innisfil resident for over 20 years, Rob's community service includes serving on the RVHF and Library Boards. Rob is the Vice President of the 100 Men Who Give a Damn Charity and a Gilford Hall Trustee. Rob also created the OG BASSH Fundraisers.

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Candidates for Ward 1 Councillor

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Kevin Eisses

Kevin is a lifelong member of the Innisfil community, third-generation farmer and local business owner. With extensive governance experience, he actively supports organizations focused on agriculture, sustainability, conservation and food security.

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Scott Newman

Scott is an Innisfil small business owner, husband and father with nearly 20 years in business. He volunteers with local youth sports, serves on the executive committee of a local children's camp and helps fundraise for the Innisfil Food Bank.

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📘 Scott Newman - Ward 1 Innisfil 🌐 linktr.ee/scottknewman



Paul Veloso

Paul has lived in Innisfil since 2016 and retired after a 32-year automotive industry career focused on project management, cost control, and business planning. He served on Innisfil's Audit Advisory Committee for the 2022-2026 term.

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Susan Bennett

An Innisfil resident for 34 years, Sue is a current member of the South Simcoe Theatre Board, Library Board, Pitch-In Working Group and Legion Financial Review Committee. She has also volunteered with a number of other organizations.

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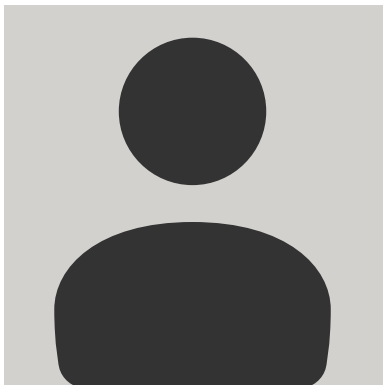
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Grace Constantine

With over 35 years in banking, Grace combines deep expertise in finance and investments with solid business credentials. A dedicated community leader, she actively advocates for local youth, early literacy, food security, and financial empowerment.

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Ignasius Croos

No information was submitted.

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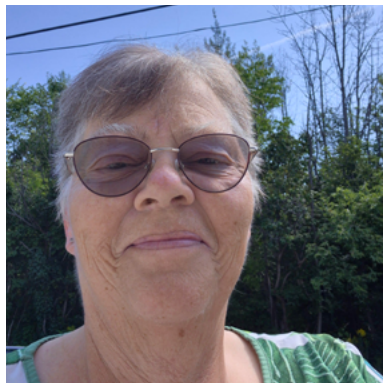


Anil Dutta

Anil is a science graduate and Quality Assurance professional committed to excellence, compliance, and continuous improvement. Community volunteer, youth soccer club founder, and Canadian Hindu Awareness member supporting seniors and newcomers with compassion.

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Carol Griffith

A 58-year Belle Ewart resident and fourth-generation Ferrier, Carol honours local history while supporting Pitch-In Day and charitable events for Seniors Wish Association and C4K. Public service, community and helping people is Carol's passion.

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Candidates for Ward 3 Councillor

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Andrew Harrigan

Selected for the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference, Andrew is a union and community leader with experience supporting residents and advocating for accessible, accountable local government.

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Alison Jacks

An Innisfil resident for 14 years, Alison is a business owner with experience in accounting, finance, budgeting and HR. A longtime volunteer and community leader, she brings strong leadership, fiscal responsibility and common sense.

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Nina La Costa

Nina is a Ward 3 resident and business owner with operations management experience. She founded the Innisfil Pop-Up Market, chairs the Enchanted Hope Foundation, volunteers with the Canadian Red Cross and received the 2026 Community Impact Award.

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Jennifer Richardson

Jennifer believes community comes first, always. She volunteers on local boards and committees supporting youth, families and community organizations. With experience serving her community at the municipal level, she remains committed to Innisfil.

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Candidates for Ward 4 Councillor

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Alan Cugliari

Alan is a Business Development Executive with TD SYNnex Canada and a Volunteer Firefighter. A proud husband and father of three, Alan previously served on the bench staff of Innisfil Winterhawks hockey teams and remains active in his community.

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Melissa Faria

A proud Innisfil resident with 18 years of financial solutions experience, Melissa actively advocates for the Town. Her community work includes spearheading the dog park petition, supporting local fundraisers, cleanups and promoting local businesses.

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Tricia Khan

Tricia is a Social Service Worker with over 15 years of experience in mental health, behavioural support, and advocacy. She has served as a Parent Council co-chair and is a community volunteer, children's author, and small business owner.

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Deb McGrath

A 21-year resident of Ward 4, Deb believes strong communities are built by listening, learning and leading, together. Deb believes communication and leadership are foundational skills in finding solutions that move our community forward, together.

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 Deb McGrath - Deb4Ward4

Candidates for Ward 5 Councillor

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Karen Brown

Karen is an entrepreneur with 30 years in health-care innovation and accessibility. She founded Brown Healthcare, The Oldish and Real Life Renos, served 9 years on the South Huron Hospital Board, is an Innisfil Rotary member and holds a BSc from Trent.

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Dan Davidson

Dan loves Innisfil, its people, and its businesses. He is a dedicated community volunteer, with experience in municipal politics, bringing strong organizational skills, practical problem-solving, and a commitment to making a positive difference.

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Linda Zanella

Linda is dedicated to serving her community with experience, integrity and a strong commitment to residents. She brings decades of leadership, public service and community experience.

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Candidates for Ward 6 Councillor

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Keisha Knibbs

Keisha has lived in Innisfil for seven years and resides in Ward 6. She is fluent in English and French, a licensed paralegal, mother and honours graduate with 10+ years of public-sector experience across municipal, provincial and regulatory roles.

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Robert Saunders

Robert is a small business owner in the community with experience serving on municipal boards and committees. Committed to strong leadership and accessible communities, he is focused on helping build a safer, stronger community.

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Candidates for Ward 7 Councillor

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Rita Ditaranto

Rita is an Innisfil resident and small business owner with formal training in design and business. Her 27-year career involved customer service, budgets and practical problem-solving. She cares about the Innisfil community.



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Rita Ditaranto



Fred Drodge

Fred has lived in Innisfil for 47 years and sits on many boards and committees, including the chair of the Gilford Hall and president of 100 Men Who Give A Damn Innisfil. He also started the Gilford Local Knights Society charitable group in 2024.



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School Board Trustees

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Donald Blais - Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir Trustee

Married for 32 years and father of two daughters, Donald is a telecommunications entrepreneur specializing in fibre optics. For 13 years, he has volunteered with Youth Justice Committees supporting youth accountability and community healing.

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Alex Sikorski - Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

Alex is a parent and advocate for Catholic education. Alex is approachable, caring and interested in ensuring student and family perspectives are heard and considered.

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The candidate for the Simcoe County District School Board Trustee position ran unopposed, and was acclaimed.

We did not receive further submissions from other School Board Trustee candidates.