

A Better Richmond Hill

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ABRH By-Election Newsletter

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1. Update on ABRH website and Facebook pages

Please go to <https://abetterrichmondhill.ca> and <https://www.facebook.com/abetterrichmondhill> to stay updated on information related to candidates and the election. Please share our information with family, friends and neighbours in Richmond Hill.

2. How to counter supporters of ABRH non-endorsed candidates

We want EVERYONE to know the truth about ALL candidates. Be respectful to supporters of non-endorsed candidates, but in relation to councillors with questionable actions, point out the connections to developer money, conflict of interest, the bullying of other council members and staff, the misappropriation of taxpayer money in regard to green bins, lawyers' fees, restaurant meals, hiring a personal assistant at \$140,000 per year, multiple Integrity Commission reports validating code of conduct violations, to name a few.

For those who are endorsed candidates, point out their support of residents, their honesty and integrity, their transparency in dealing with issues, their many endorsements on their webpage.

Thanks for helping spread the word so we can vote for a responsible person who acts in favour of the residents to be our Mayor.

3. All candidates meetings

Please attend at least one of these all-candidates meetings for further information about the candidates. Not only will you see how they perform, but also how they relate to each other. The goal is to choose an accountable, transparent, knowledgeable mayor for Richmond Hill, one who works for all residents.

CAG all-candidate meeting is January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Here is more information: [Richmond Hill Mayoral Candidates Meeting \(cagrichmondhill.com\)](http://Richmond Hill Mayoral Candidates Meeting (cagrichmondhill.com))

RHBOT all-candidate meeting is on January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Check here for more information: [Richmond Hill Board of Trade | Contact Us \(rhbot.ca\)](http://Richmond Hill Board of Trade | Contact Us (rhbot.ca))

4. We need your help

ABRH is printing flyers to be delivered to households in Richmond Hill. We expect these flyers to be ready for delivery by Friday January 14, 2022. If you can help us delivering these flyers, please email us at abrh.info@gmail.com telling us your name and the area you live in. If you have teenagers who would like to collect volunteer hours, we can accommodate them.

Thank you in advance for your help to get the word out about the candidates and the by-election.

5. Voting Information Package:

By now all of us should have received a Voter Information Package (VIP). It is possible that if you have adult children who do not live at home (i.e., have moved out to live on their own outside of Richmond Hill) you may have received VIP for them also. If that is so, please be aware of the following:

- The city/clerk are not responsible for the Voter's List. It's compiled by the provincial body MPAC and overseen through the Ontario Elections Act.
- It is illegal to vote if you are not a current resident. The fine for voting illegally is up to \$25,000. The onus is put on the voter to vote legally, but it is also a strong reflection on the candidate if votes are cast for him/her illegally. What we want is a fair, honest, democratic election.

6. Voting Choices:

EITHER

a) Online: starts January 18 at 10:00 a.m. through to January 24 at 8:00 p.m.

OR

b) In-person: starts January 22, and 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and January 24, voting day from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

No matter who you vote for, or how you vote, **PLEASE VOTE** and exercise your legal democratic right.

Yours very truly,

The ABRH Directors.