

Councillors Groves, Innis announce bids for Mayor as nominations open

Candidates begin registration process ahead of fall's municipal election

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Two incumbent councillors have formally registered to run for mayor of the Town of Caledon.

Councillors Annette Groves and Jennifer Innis both put their names forward the very first day they were able to, May 2. Each hopes to succeed Allan Thompson, Caledon's current mayor, who announced he would not seek re-election earlier this year.

Groves is currently the Ward 5 Regional Councillor, representing the community of Bolton. She was first elected to that position in October of the year 2000. She has also spent two terms as a Regional Councillor with the Region of Peel.

Innis is currently the Regional Councillor for Wards 3 and 4, as well as the chair of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority board. She was first elected as Regional Councillor for Wards 3 and 4 in October of 2014.

The Town of Caledon is changing its ward structure for its October 2022 election.

There will be a Town Councillor elected for each of the Town's six wards, and two Regional Councillors elected ? one to represent Wards 1-3, and one to represent Wards 4-6.

Two incumbent councillors have registered as candidates for the new Regional Councillor, Ward 1, 2, 3 position: Christina Early and Johanna Downey.

Early is currently Caledon's Ward 2 Area Councillor and registered as a candidate on May 2. She was elected for that position in October of 2018 and is currently a board member with the Caledon Public Library and Caledon Community Services.

Downey is currently Caledon's Ward 2 Regional Councillor, a position she was first elected to in October 2014.

She registered as a candidate on May 4. She's currently part of the Region of Peel's Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism committee and Credit Valley Conservation, among other roles.

As of May 4, no one had put their name forward for the Regional Councillor, Ward 4, 5, 6 position; or, for the Councillor positions in Wards 3, 4, 5 and 6.

One person put their name forward for the Ward 1 Councillor position so far, incumbent Ward 1 councillor Lynn Kiernan. She was first elected to that position in October 2018, and is currently the vice-chair of the Town of Caledon's planning and development committee.

The only two non-incumbents registered as candidates for Caledon's October 2022 election so far are running for Ward 2 Councillor. Their names are Mihramat (Ramat) Gill and Hunar Kahlon respectively.

Incumbent Peel District School Board trustee Stan Cameron registered as a candidate for the same position he currently holds on May 2.