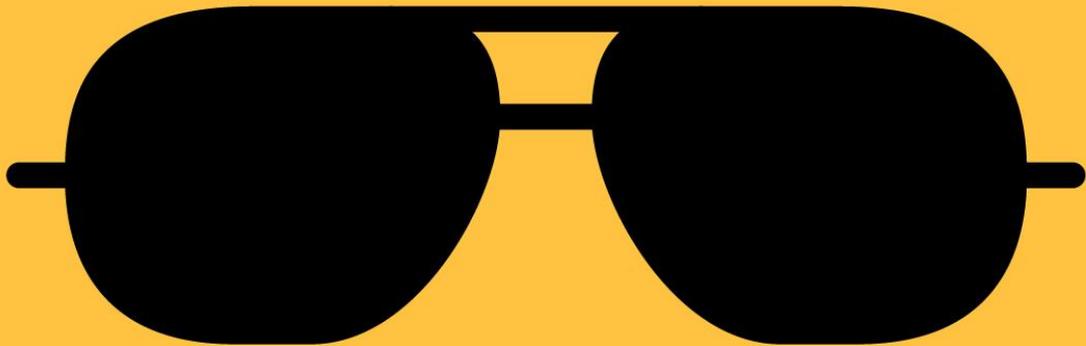


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Ontario Election 2018

Contrary to what seems to be popular belief: Each vote does count. In many ridings it will likely be decided by a few hundred votes or less this election.

People under age 55 are largely underrepresented at the polls. Ages 18-34 have the lowest voter turnout and ages 35-54 are the second lowest.

Last election results for Kingston (2014):

- Liberals: 20,833
- NDP: 14,811
- Conservative: 10,645
- Green: 3561

Recent election polling data indicates the NDP and PC parties are closely competing and if an election was called right now a number of ridings would be decided by only few hundred votes. This election is more “up in the air” than previous elections and even a 5% boost in voter turnout could completely change the results as that would be almost 5000 extra votes in Kingston.

There are many options for voting:

Election Day, June 7th from 9 AM to 9 PM at your local poll (see your Voting Information Card, Elections Ontario website (elections.on.ca) or Returning Office for more information)

Advanced Polls are May 26 to 30 from 10 AM to 8 PM.

- Artillery Park (76 Ordnance Street)
- Calvin Park Library (88 Wright)
- Fire Station – Gore Road (211 Gore Road)
- Royal Kingston Curling Club (130 Days Road)

You can also vote at your Returning Office any day from 9 AM to 9 PM up until June 1st at 6 PM

- Located at the south entrance of SEARS at the Cataraqui Centre, 945 Gardiners Road

View the Elections Ontario power point about voting here:

<https://www.elections.on.ca/content/dam/NGW/sitecontent/2014/education/Voting%20PowerPoint.pdf>

Many people think only federal elections matter, but power is shared by all levels of government and the provincial election is just as important.

The provincial government is responsible for things like: Health care and hospitals, education and schools, prisons, taxes, marriage, property and civil rights. Provinces also get a say in policies related to agriculture, immigration and natural resources.

Declining your ballot: For the Ontario election you can decline your ballot officially at the poll. More and more people are using this method to say they do not want any of the candidates. Ontario does track this number specifically.

In 2014 almost 30,000 people declined in Ontario. With around 250 in Kingston declining.

Kingston Candidates for 2018:

- Ian Arthur (NDP)
- Gary Bennett (PC)
- Heather Cunningham (Libertarian)
- Andre Imbeault (Trillium Party)
- Robert Kiley (Green)
- Sophie Kiwala (Liberal) – Incumbent

Getting informed:

Be sure to consult each party's platforms, press releases, public statements, answers in debates and other raw data directly as opposed to relying on media interpretation of this information. Politics by its very nature involves value judgements about principles and policy proposals and it is not something that can be easily presented in an unbiased manner.

Progressive Conservative

<https://www.ontariopc.ca/>

New Democratic Party

<http://budget.ontario.ca/2018/contents.html>

Platform: <https://www.ontariondp.ca/platform>

Contact: <https://www.ontariondp.ca/contact>

Liberal

<https://www.ontarioliberal.ca/>

Budget 2018: <http://budget.ontario.ca/2018/contents.html>

Contact: <https://www.ontarioliberal.ca/contact/>

Green

<https://gpo.ca/>

Platform: <https://gpo.ca/our-platform/>

Contact: <https://gpo.ca/contact/>

It is also important to consider policy positions on a wide variety of issues, even if there are only one or two issues that matter most to you. Consider your vote a bundle deal for the best overall package as this candidate will be representing you at Queen's Park where they will vote on every issue that arises during their term.

Local Candidates versus Parties: Remember that many votes are "whipped" meaning that the individual candidates will have to vote along party lines on a number of important issues. However, the local candidate is still important because they may be able to influence their party to change their stance over time.