

South Asian Candidates In Peel Region Elections

Over 130 In Fray For Posts Of Mayor, Councillors And School Board Trustees In Oct. 22 Poll



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The South Asian diaspora has been active in Canadian political life since the 1980s when the first activists began standing for and winning elections in British Columbia in all levels of government.

Ontario, with its huge South Asian population, powered by waves of immigrants settling in the province in the 1990s and continuing even today, is also seeing frenetic political activity within newcomer communities.

Over 130 candidates have submitted nominations for the forthcoming October 22 municipal elections in the Peel Region, comprising Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon.

Voters across Ontario will be electing mayors, councillors, and school board trustees in all of the province's municipalities.

Here is the list of South Asian candidates in the fray in Peel:

Brampton

1. Mansoor Ameersulthan – Mayor
2. Baljit Gosal – Mayor
3. Vinod Kumar Maheshan – Mayor

City Councillor

4. Sanjeev Bansal – Ward 1,5
5. Abdul Qayyum Chaudhry – Ward 1,5
6. Imtiaz Haider – Ward 1,5
7. Harmanpreet Mankoo – Ward 1,5
8. Karanjit Singh Pandher – Ward 1,5



Baljit Gosal

9. Don Patel – Ward 1,5
10. Gurpreet Kaur Bains – Ward 2,6 (withdrawn)
11. Paul Mann – Ward 2,6
12. Shaji M Joseph – Ward 2,6
13. Joe Sidhu – Ward 2,6
14. Anwar Warsi – Ward 2,6
15. Harpreet Singh Hansra – Ward 3,4
16. Omar Mansoury – Ward 3,4
17. Nishi Sidhu – Ward 3,4
18. Tanveer Singh – Ward 3,4
19. Harveen Dhaliwal – Ward 7,8
20. Gurvinder Singh – Ward 7,8
21. Martin Singh – Ward 7,8
22. Mokshi Virk – Ward 7,8
23. Mangaljit Dabb – Ward 9,10
24. Dharmaveer Gohil – Ward 9,10
25. Mahendra Gupta – Ward 9,10
26. Rohit Sidhu – Ward 9,10
27. Harkirat Singh – Ward 9,10
28. Naresh Tarani – Ward 9,10

Regional Councillor

29. Rajbir Kaur – Ward 1,5
30. Harnek Rai – Ward 1,5
31. Gurpreet Kaur Bains – Ward 2,6
32. Shannon Iyer – Ward 2,6
33. Nisha Luthra – Ward 2,6
34. Raghav Patel – Ward 2,6
35. Prabhjot Grewal – Ward 3,4
36. Chirag Patel – Ward 3,4
37. Ajay Tandon – Ward 7,8
38. Gurpreet Singh Dhillon – Ward 9,10



Mokshi Virk

39. Vicky Dhillon – Ward 9,10
40. Amratlal Mistry – Ward 9,10 (withdrawn)

Trustee Peel School Board

41. Rajwinder Ghuman – Ward 1,5
42. Yusuf Khan – Ward 1,5
43. Arun Thomas Alex – Ward 2,6
44. Harjot Singh Gill – Ward 2,6
45. Mansoor Mirza – Ward 2,6
46. Faraz Saleem – Ward 2,6
47. Raman Vasudev – Ward 2,6
48. Shabaz Altaf – Ward 3,4
49. Prabhjot Kainth – Ward 3,4
50. Harbandna Kaur – Ward 3,4
51. Hiteshkumar Prajapati – Ward 3,4 (withdrawn)
52. Raman Rakkar – Ward 3,4 (withdrawn)
53. Seema Shah – Ward 3,4
54. Vipul Shah – Ward 3,4 (withdrawn)
55. Faisal Tahir – Ward 3,4
56. Radha Tailor – Ward 3,4
57. Zain Ali – Ward 7,8
58. Jashan Singh – Ward 7,8
59. Chetan Brahmabhatt – Ward 9,10
60. Satpaul Singh Johal – Ward 9,10
61. Mazhar Khan – Ward 9,10
62. Ashman Khroad – Ward 9,10
63. Sia Lakhanpal – Ward 9,10



Vicky Dhillon

64. Kushpal Pawar – Ward 9,10
65. Dipal Shah – Ward 9,10
66. Balbir Sohi – Ward 9,10
67. Shilpa Vij-Sharma – Ward 9,10

Mississauga

1. Mohsin Khan – Mayor
2. Syed Qumber Rizvi – Mayor

Councillor

3. Naser Ansari – Ward 2
4. Mohammed Azam – Ward 2
5. Abdul Azeem Baig – Ward 8
6. Dipika Damerla – Ward 7
7. Muhammed Haroon – Ward 6
8. Imran Hasan – Ward 11
9. Khawar Hussain – Ward 3
10. Alex Itty – Ward 5
11. Syed Mohammed Jaffrey – Ward 9
12. Samir Jisri – Ward 7
13. Ahmad Khan – Ward 5
14. Pradeep Kumar Khunger – Ward 11
15. Ram Pawar – Ward 5
16. Marina Qureshi – Ward 5
17. Savita Sangwan – Ward 10
18. Sharmila Setaram – Ward 01
19. Tariq Ali Shah – Ward 8
20. Anil Sinha – Ward 6
21. Hardat Sookraj – Ward 4
22. Ash Srivastava – Ward 6
23. Sambasiva Vatti – Ward 6
24. Maqbool Walji – Ward 7

Trustee English Public



Ajay Tandon

25. Vijay Brahmabhatt – Ward 3,4
26. Raj Chopra – Ward 6,11
27. Imrana Choudry – Ward 6,11
28. Jith Dravin – Ward 6,11
29. Avtar Ghotra – Ward 5
30. Ryan Gurcharn – Ward 5
31. Ahmed Jalal – Ward 3,4
32. Harjinder Jeetey – Ward 6,11
33. Arwinder Kalsi – Ward 5
34. Asha Luthra – Ward 3,4
35. Naila Mahmood – Ward 3,4
36. Tahir Malik – Ward 9,10
37. Jal Panthaky – Ward 5
38. Rajakumaran Ponraj – Ward 5
39. Mian Omer Rasheed – Ward 6,11
40. Lovely Shankar – Ward 3,4
41. Jasjit Singh – Ward 2,8
42. Suresh Subramaniam – Ward 1,7
43. George Varghese – Ward 6,11

Trustee English Separate

44. Mathew Jacob – Ward 9,10
45. Biju Pappachan – Ward 4
46. Sabeena Philip – Ward 6,11

Caledon

- Area Councillor
1. Sandeep Singh – Ward 2

Peel District School Board

2. Amandeep Singh

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Alectra Warns of Scams

MISSISSAUGA: Alectra Utilities is alerting customers of several new phone, text and letter scams, in response to increased activity in its service territory by fraudsters.

Phone Scam:

The phone scheme involves a scammer claiming to be an Alectra Utilities technician demanding payment and threatening to remove the Smart Meter and install an analog meter. The fraudulent calls inform customers that their power would be disconnected for several hours during the meter swap - unless they immediately pay by credit card at kiosks in grocery stores.

Alectra Utilities does not charge customers for meter exchanges or ask customers

to make payment using gift cards or at banking kiosks.

Text Scam:

The text scam involves text messages being sent to customers claiming a refund is available from the utility. The text message includes a fraudulent Interac e-transfer link to follow.

Alectra Utilities never sends text messages to inform customers of refunds or service disconnections.

Letter Scam:

The letter (mail) scam involves letters being mailed to customers advising of an outstanding amount owed for a Smart Meter deposit. The letter scam is primarily targeted at business customers and threatens disconnection unless a Smart Meter fee is paid immediately.

Alectra Utilities does not charge customers for their Smart Meter and advises customers in advance of any changes to their service or account.

In the event customers receive suspicious phone calls, texts or letters of this nature, Alectra Utilities advises the following:

- Never make a payment for a charge that isn't listed on your most recent Alectra Utilities bill
- Do not provide any personal information, including your Alectra Utilities bill or account number
- Do not click on links provided in text messages
- Do not allow the fraudster to arrange a time to visit your home
- Alectra asks customers to remain vigilant and verify their account information with Alectra Utilities' Customer Care Representatives directly if they suspect suspicious activity
- Contact Alectra Utilities' Customer Care Representatives during business hours to discuss any account issues, or report at alectrautilities.com/contact-us
- Report to the police.

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