



# RESTORE DEMOCRACY ONTARIO

## 2026 ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE PLEDGE

### SAY NO TO STRONG MAYOR POWERS

A voluntary public commitment to transparent, accountable and collaborative municipal government.

**WHY THIS PLEDGE MATTERS:** Strong Mayor Powers grant mayors in designated Ontario municipalities additional powers and duties. This pledge gives voters a clear way to identify candidates who support transparent, accountable and democratic local government.

#### CANDIDATE INFORMATION

<b>Candidate Name:</b> _____	<b>Municipality:</b> _____
<b>Office Sought:</b> _____	<b>Ward / Area:</b> _____
<b>Candidate Email:</b> _____	

#### CANDIDATE PLEDGE - COMPLETE THE SECTION THAT APPLIES

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MAYOR / HEAD OF COUNCIL</b> I pledge to delegate every Strong Mayor Power that may legally be delegated under Ontario law to Council and municipal staff as soon as reasonably practicable after taking office. I further pledge to promote open, collaborative and accountable municipal decision-making that respects the role of all elected representatives and municipal staff.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>COUNCILLOR / COUNCIL CANDIDATE</b> I pledge to oppose the use of Strong Mayor Power vetoes and override mechanisms that undermine democratic Council decision-making, transparency and accountability. I further pledge to support transparent, collaborative and accountable local government.
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#### SIGNATURE

<b>Signature:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> _____
<b>Printed Name:</b> _____	

#### PUBLIC DATABASE AND SUBMISSION

By submitting this signed pledge, the candidate acknowledges that Restore Democracy Ontario may list the candidate name, municipality, office sought, ward/area and signed pledge status in its public candidate database.

<b>Submit:</b> <a href="mailto:info@restoredemocracyontario.ca">info@restoredemocracyontario.ca</a>	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://restoredemocracyontario.ca">restoredemocracyontario.ca</a>
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