

# MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2021 – RUNNING FOR OFFICE: FOUR INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR THE OUTAOUAIS POPULATION

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**GATINEAU, QC, May 5, 2021 /CNW Telbec/** – The Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l’Habitation will hold four virtual information sessions in May entitled “I’m running in the 2021 municipal elections” for Outaouais residents. The purpose of these sessions is to inform and encourage people to run for Councillor or Mayor in the next municipal election.

Organized by the Direction régionale de l’Outaouais, these sessions will address the nomination process, municipal organization and the role of elected officials, thus allowing a better understanding of the commitment to municipal politics. Finally, a question and answer period will be held to close the event.

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to [dr.outaouais@mamh.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:dr.outaouais@mamh.gouv.qc.ca) and indicate the date of the session you would like to attend. They will then receive a link to connect to the activity.

<b>Territory</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hour</b>
MRC de La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau	Mon, May 10, 2021	7 – 8:30 p.m.
MRC des Collines-de-l’Outaouais	Mon, May 17, 2021	7 – 8:30 p.m.
MRC de Papineau	Tue, May 25, 2021	6 – 8:00 p.m.
MRC de Pontiac	Thur, May 27, 2021	6 – 8:00 p.m.

## **Highlights:**

The I’m Running campaign is a government initiative to increase the number of candidates for the next municipal elections scheduled for November 7, 2021.

In the last municipal election in 2017 in the Outaouais region:

- 218 positions out of a possible 480 were filled unopposed;
- Only 19.4% of mayoral positions were held by women following the 2017 elections. In terms of city councillors, women held 36.3 per cent of the available seats;

- The average age of elected municipal officials was 54.1 years.

The full schedule of “I’m Running for Mayor 2021” information sessions can be found on the campaign website.

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For more information on running for municipal office, visit [jemepresente.gouv.qc.ca](https://jemepresente.gouv.qc.ca) or call 1-844-844-8466.

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