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I am applying for the vacancy of councillor in Ward 3. I have a desire to work with and beside the people in the community to be the voice of the residents on issues that affect their daily lives. The residents want councillors to hear their concerns and make their lives better in challenging economic times. I think I can help the residents by taking on this role with my previous experience with my OSSTF union experience dealing with members concerns.

I moved to the area 8 years ago and have been working and volunteering in the city since I first moved here in 2017. During that time, I considered it a wonderful opportunity to work and live in Leeds and the Thousand Islands.

My formal education has been a graduate of QECVI high school in Kingston. I went on to study at Memorial University with double major specialists in English and Political Science. I returned to the islands to work for the local businesses in the tourism industry in the summer. I then got my bachelor's degree in education and began to teach in Ontario full time.

I have been a secondary teacher with various boards in the province for the better part of 25 years. Of the last 8 years, I have been with the Upper Canada District School Board for 7 years as a LTO and supply teacher. Prior to that, I was a special education teacher dealing with developmental children. In addition, I have been and continue to be vice president of my OSSTF OTBU bargaining unit for 4 years.

In the past few years, I have volunteered with local charities with time or expertise. I have been with the Gananoque and District Humane society, the Gananoque Pride Alliance, the Leeds and Thousand Islands Terry Fox Run, and the Rockport Recreation Association (Hall). Each experience gave me insight into the areas of need and a distinct perspective of what need there is in the community on different issues.

I have the desire and fortitude to help my community and the families that live in the 1000 Islands.

Thank you for your consideration,

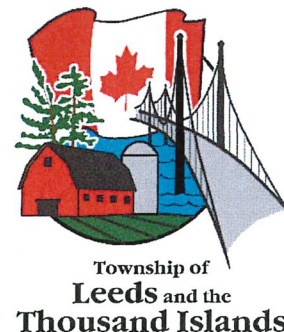
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Thomas Hopkins

Form EL18(A)

Declaration of Qualifications – Council

Municipal Elections Act, 1996



Declaration of Qualifications

For the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands

Councillor – Ward 3 Vacancy

I, Thomas Hopkins, a candidate for the office of Councillor, Ward 3,

Do solemnly Declare that:

1. I am qualified pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and the *Municipal Act, 2001* to hold the office of Councillor, Ward 3.
2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1, I am at least eighteen years of age, a Canadian citizen, a resident of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands or the owner or tenant of land in the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands or the spouse of such owner or tenant.
3. I am not ineligible or disqualified under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990* or any other Act to hold the above-mentioned office.
4. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 3,
 - I am not an employee of the Corporation of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands or local board, or if I am an employee of the Corporation of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, I am on an unpaid leave of absence as provided for by section 30 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
 - I am not a judge of any court.
 - I am not a member of the Assembly as provided in the *Legislative Assembly Act, 1990* or of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada or, if I am such as person, I will provide proof of my resignation in a form satisfactory to the Clerk of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands prior to 2:00 on the last day for applications, February 5th, 2025. I understand that the Clerk of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand

Islands will reject my application for the above-mentioned office if I fail to provide proof of resignation by this deadline.

- I am not a Crown employee within the meaning of the *Public Service of Ontario Act*, 1990 or if I am a Crown employee, I have followed and will continue to follow all the relevant provisions of Part III of such *Act*.
5. I am not prohibited from voting at the municipal election under subsection 17(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.
6. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1,
- I am not a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
 - I am not a person who was convicted of a corrupt practice described in subsection 90(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, during an election that occurred less than five years prior to October 24, 2022.
7. I am not a candidate who was convicted of a corrupt practice under the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996 or of an offence under the Criminal Code (Canada), in connection with an act or omission with respect to a municipal election if the Voting Day in that election is less than six years prior to October 24, 2022.
8. I am not disqualified from holding office by reason of any violations of the election campaign financial requirements or violations for not filing the financial statement pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.

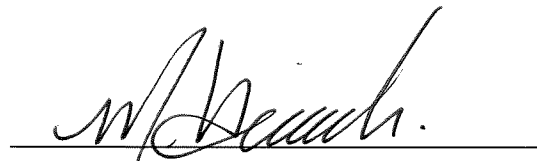
And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and known that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*, 1985.

Declared before me at the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands.

This 4th day of November, 2025.



Signature of Candidate



Signature of Clerk or designate



Form TLT103

Consent to Release Personal Information

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990

Personal information on the Declaration of Qualifications Form (Form EL18A) as well as the one-page personal statement is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and will be used to assist the Clerk in the administration of the Councillor – Ward 3 Vacancy.

Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the Clerk, 1233 Prince Street, PO Box 280, Lansdowne, Ontario K0E 1L0, by telephone to 61-659-2415 extension 231, or email to clerk@townshipleeds.on.ca.

Name of Candidate: Thomas Hopkins

Candidate for the office of:



Councillor Ward 3

I acknowledge that the Declaration of Qualifications Form (Form EL18A) as well as the one-page personal statement filed by me contains personal information and I am aware that the Clerk will disclose all or part of it to the public.

This 4th day of November, 2025.

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Clerk or designate