



Form TLT103

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Name of Candidate: Michael Touw

Candidate for the office of:

Councillor Ward 1

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 29th day of April, 2026.

Michael Touw
Signature of Candidate

[Signature]
Signature of Clerk or designate

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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 1 Vacancy

I, Michael Touw, a candidate for the office of Councillor, Ward 1,

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 1.
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 a 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

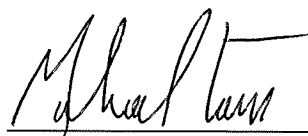
Islands will reject my application for the above-mentioned office if I fail to provide proof of resignation by this deadline.

- 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 29th day of April, 2026.



Signature of Candidate



Signature of Clerk or designate

MICHAEL TOUW



Statement of Interest and Qualifications – Council Vacancy – Ward 1

Mayor and Council,

Please accept this letter as confirmation of my interest in being considered for the Council Vacancy in Ward 1.

Because of my background, education, and experience, I believe I would bring a strong voice to the Council table and be an effective representative for residents of Ward 1.

I have a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering, and a Master of Public Administration with a focus on local government. I have also spent 15 years teaching municipal government employees on topics from an introduction to local government, customer service, and foundations of public works.

I am currently the CAO for the Town of Perth, where I have been for six years. Before that, I spent 15 years in Public Works, mostly in UCLG. This includes working three years for the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, both as Director of Public Works, as well as serving as a volunteer firefighter. It was during this time that I fell in love with TLTI, it's natural beauty, it's welcoming community, and the many opportunities here.

It is because of this that my wife and I bought some land on Haig Road, and moved here with our two teenagers to build a life, and a future. We have been welcomed with open arms by our neighbours and in some ways it feels like we've always been here.

My grandfather was on council just outside Westport for decades, and then my uncle after him (and still today), so between that political history, and my 20+ years working in municipal government, it's safe to say this is in my blood and I have a passion for local government, for being a strong representative for my neighbours in Ward 1, and for this Township.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Touw".

Michael Touw