

BY-ELECTION FACT SHEET EAST GENERAL WARD



17 FEBRUARY 2024

Background

As a result of a resignation, an extraordinary vacancy has occurred and a by-election is now required to be held on Saturday 17 February 2024 for one vacancy for the **East General Ward** of Hamilton City Council.

The by-election will be conducted by postal vote under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 and will be undertaken by Election Services, under contract to Hamilton City Council.

The single transferable voting (STV) electoral system will be used for the by-election.

Key dates for the by-election

Nominations open	Friday 24 November 2023
Nominations close	Noon, Friday 22 December 2023
Delivery of voting packs	from Friday 26 January 2024
Close of voting	Noon, Saturday 17 February 2024
Official results announced	Monday 19 February 2024

How can I be nominated?

Nominations for this position will open on **Friday 24 November 2023** and close at noon on **Friday 22 December 2023**.

Nomination papers will be available during this period from:

- Customer Services, Hamilton City Council, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton;
- by accessing www.hamilton.govt.nz/elections
- by telephoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate **must** be:

- a New Zealand citizen (by birth or naturalisation ceremony); **and**
- enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand); **and**
- be nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the East General Ward area.

Who can vote?

Those eligible to vote are all resident electors and non-resident ratepayer electors whose names appear on the electoral roll for the East General Ward area, when it closes on Friday 22 December 2023.

The Preliminary Electoral Roll will be available for public inspection from **Friday 24 November 2023** to **Friday 22 December 2023** at the following locations:

- Customer Services, Hamilton City Council, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton;
- Chartwell Library, Lynden Court, Queenwood, Hamilton;
- Hillcrest Library, 58 Masters Avenue, Hillcrest, Hamilton;
- Te Kete Aronui Rototuna Library, 30 North City Road, Rototuna North, Hamilton.

Resident Roll: All parliamentary electors are automatically enrolled on the Resident Roll, at the address where they live.

Any alterations to the Resident Roll (e.g. change of address details, including new postal addresses) should be made by:

- completing the appropriate form at any postal agency;
- phoning 0800 ENROLNOW (0800 36 76 56)
- accessing the Electoral Commission website on www.vote.nz

Ratepayer Roll: If a person is on the parliamentary roll in one area and pays rates on a property in another area, this person may be eligible to be enrolled on the non-resident ratepayer roll. A firm, company, corporation or society paying rates on a property may nominate one of its members or officers as a ratepayer elector (provided the nominated person resides outside the area). Ratepayer Roll enrolment forms are available at www.hamilton.govt.nz/elections, or by phoning 0800 922 822.

How to vote?

Should the number of candidates exceed the number of vacancies, voting packs will be sent out in the mail to all those who have enrolled from **Friday 26 January 2024**.

The voting period is three weeks (**Friday 26 January 2024 to noon Saturday 17 February 2024**). Electors may post their completed voting documents back to the electoral officer using the orange reply-paid envelope sent with their voting document.

Where can I return my vote to?

Ballot boxes will be available for the hand-delivery of completed voting documents from Friday 26 January 2024 at the following locations:

- Customer Services, Hamilton City Council, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton;
- Chartwell Library, Lynden Court, Queenwood, Hamilton;
- Hillcrest Library, 58 Masters Avenue, Hillcrest, Hamilton;
- Te Kete Aronui Rototuna Library, 30 North City Road, Rototuna North, Hamilton;
- Fairfield Community House (Te Whare o Te Ata), 214 Clarkin Road, Fairfield, Hamilton;
- University of Waikato Library, Hamilton Campus, Gate 1, Knighton Road, Hamilton;
- Waikato Settlement Centre, 46G Boundary Road, Claudelands, Hamilton.

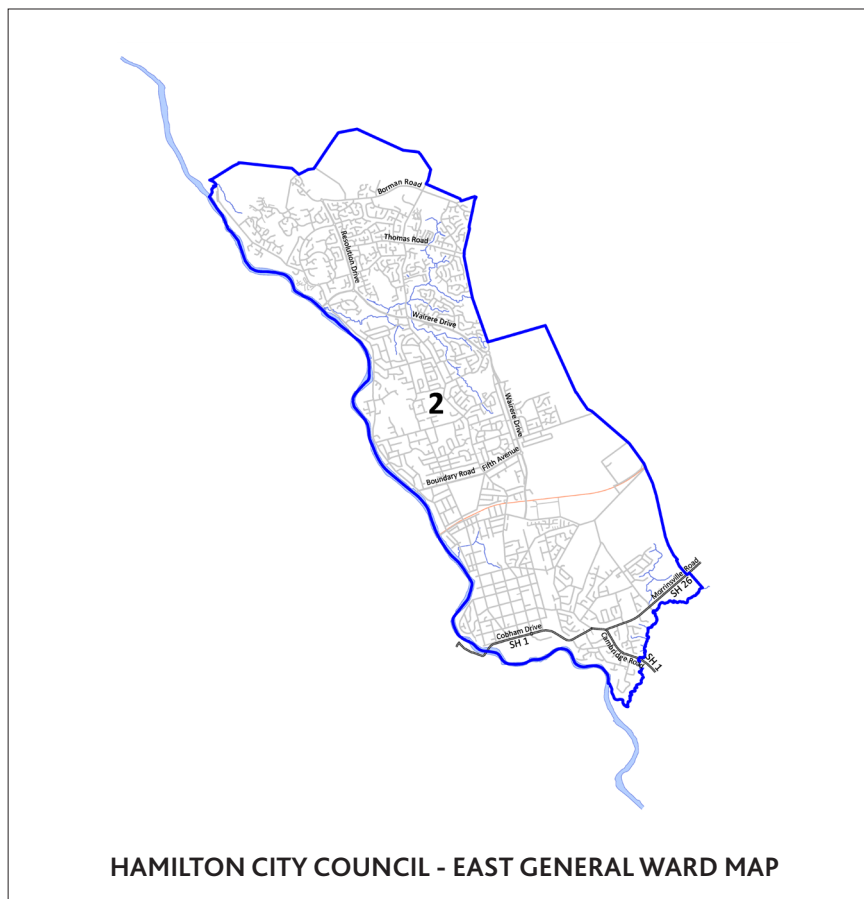
Special voting

Polling places for the issuing of special voting documents will be available from Friday 26 January 2024 to noon Saturday 17 February 2024 at the following locations:

- Customer Services, Hamilton City Council, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton;
- Chartwell Library, Lynden Court, Queenwood, Hamilton;
- Hillcrest Library, 58 Masters Avenue, Hillcrest, Hamilton;
- Te Kete Aronui Rototuna Library, 30 North City Road, Rototuna North, Hamilton; or
- by phoning 0800 922 822, for one to be posted out.

Results

Results will be announced as soon as these are available after the close of voting on by-election day and will be accessible on Council's website: www.hamilton.govt.nz/elections



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