



# THE RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

## Foreword

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the people of the Township of Gore for their participation in the 2025 general election. Your civic engagement is essential to the vitality of our local democracy.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the candidates for their cooperation throughout the electoral process.

A special thank you to Ms. Diane Chales, Election Secretary, for her meticulous work and constant support. Her professionalism was a pillar in the success of this election.

I would also like to emphasize the integrity and dedication of the election staff, whose efficiency and rigour were needed for the smooth running of the voting days.

Finally, I would like to thank the firefighters who prepared the station and helped us set up and dismantle the polling room during on both voting days.

## General municipal elections:

The electoral process was officially launched with the publication of the public notice of the elections on September 3, 2025.

The deadline for nominations regarding the mayor's seat and six (6) councillor seats from 1 to 6 was October 3, 2025. At the close of this period, the following nominations were duly received and accepted by the returning officer:

<b>MAYOR:</b>	
	Alain Giroux – Équipe Alain Giroux Ron Kelley – Équipe Kelley Team Alexandre Larche – Équipe Synergie
<b>COUNCILLORS</b>	
<b>SEAT NO. 1</b>	Robert Emblem – Équipe Alain Giroux Louis Martin – Équipe Synergie Alexandra Plouffe – Équipe Kelley Team
<b>SEAT NO. 2</b>	Debbie Lalumière – Équipe Kelley Team Julie Lapointe – Équipe Synergie Daniel Leduc – Équipe Alain Giroux



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<b>SEAT NO. 3</b>	Guylaine David – Équipe Kelley Team Sakina Khan – Équipe Alain Giroux Isabelle Rheault – Équipe Synergie
<b>SEAT NO. 4</b>	Cindy Bilodeau – Équipe Synergie Shirley Roy – Équipe Alain Giroux Wendy Smith – Équipe Kelley Team
<b>SEAT NO. 5</b>	Lucie Bellemare – Équipe Kelley Team Anik Korosec – Équipe Alain Giroux Étienne Rondeau-Garon – Équipe Synergie
<b>SEAT NO. 6</b>	Nancy Bélanger – Équipe Kelley Team Kloée Chenel-Fournier – Équipe Synergie Anselmo Marandola – Équipe Alain Giroux

### Revision of the list of electors

Due to the ongoing strike at Canada Post, the Municipality of the Township of Gore implemented an alternative procedure to allow electors to confirm their registration on the list of electors and know their polling station.

#### Phone Registration Verification

Citizens could check their registration by contacting the returning officer by phone. In the case where the line was busy or there was no answer, they were asked to leave a message including their name, telephone number and the address concerned, in order to be called back as soon as possible.

#### Distribution of Registration Notices

Notices of registration on the list of electors could also be picked up in person at the municipal offices during extended business hours.

For addresses where no electors were identified, a revising agent was hired to deliver the cards directly to the homes. This approach was intended to allow the persons concerned to register on the list of electors before the end of the revision period.

#### Revision Committee

Electors wishing to correct or update their personal information (address, name, etc.) could do so by presenting themselves before the Revision Committee. In total, there were 22 registrations and 4 deletions from the list of electors during the revision period.



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## **Processing of applications received after the deadline**

In accordance with the law, changes to the list of electors could not be made after Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Thus, applications from non-domiciled persons received after this deadline have been grouped together and will be added to the list of electors once the procedures for the November 2, 2025, election are completed.

As for domiciled electors whose registration did not appear on the list after that date, they were referred to the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec (DGEQ) for investigation and processing. It is important to remember that neither the returning officer nor the election officer has the authority to add a domiciled elector to the list of electors.

## **Voter cards**

The extended opening hours of the municipal office were also used for the distribution of voter cards. Although these cards are not required by law for a municipality the size of the Township of Gore, they are usually distributed to resident voters.

The promotion of card pick-up during the regular and extended opening hours of the office was carried out by various means: publication on the municipality's website, on its Facebook page, by email, as well as by posting in public places within the territory.

## **Voting procedures**

### **Advance polls**

The advanced poll took place on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at the fire hall, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. By the end of the voting period, a total of 376 electors had exercised their right to vote.

### **Postal voting**

Voting by mail was maintained despite the Canada Post strike, as mandated by the directive of Quebec's Chief Electoral Officer. In order to ensure the success of this voting method and to limit the costs associated with the transmission of ballots to non-domiciled electors registered for postal voting, both for the municipality and for electors, the voting kits were made available to them at the municipal office between October 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Extended municipal office hours allowed many non-domiciled electors to pick up their kits, fill out their ballots and give their sealed envelopes to the returning officer, as if they had sent them by mail. In order to minimize the costs associated with these extended opening hours, the majority coincided with the Revision Committee schedule.

To inform electors registered to vote by mail of the possibility of picking up their kit or to promote in-person voting, each of the registered electors was contacted by phone or email.



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The mail-in votes, i.e. the placing of sealed envelopes containing ballots, without opening them, was held at the fire hall on October 31, 2025, starting at 4:30 p.m. A total of 45 envelopes were processed by this polling station.

## The election

Election day was held on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at the fire station, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

## Participation

The overall turnout by polling station was as follows (see table in “Appendix A” for details per polling station):

Polling station	1	2	3	4	5	6	VPC*
Participation	36.64%	43.43%	40.50%	35.03%	42.17%	46.73%	36.36%

\* Postal voting (VPC)

Polling station number 6 recorded the highest turnout over the two days, with a total of 186 voters, including 66 at the advance polls and 120 on election day. Pooling station number 2 welcomed 172 electors, divided between 45 during the advance poll, a relatively quiet day, and 126 on election day.

Despite a number of voters equivalent to that of the other polling stations, polling station number 2 experienced an average waiting time of 1 hour and 15 minutes, well above average. This appears to be due to a longer processing time per elector, with no specific space, personnel or equipment constraints observed.

In general, the two days of voting were well attended, with a constant turnover of voters. The high number of seats up for election had a significant impact on the voting process, due to the additional manipulations required by both the deputy returning officers (folding the ballots) and the voters (folding and removing the ballot tab).

## Recommendation

To improve elector experience and reduce wait times, especially when more than four seats are up for election, it is recommended that two additional polling stations be added. It is also suggested that the total number of polling stations open for both days be maintained, with no pairing of voting sections at advance polls. This measure would require the opening of a second polling room at the community hall, since the installation of eight polling stations in the same space would not make it possible to respect the distance standards between polling stations required by law. A budget provision within the election fund should be considered to support this recommendation.



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## Counting of votes and publication of results

The counting of the votes was carried out immediately after the close of the polling station.

The counting of the ballots contained in the polling day's ballot box was carried out by the team responsible for each of the polling stations. Subsequently, the ballots from the advance polls were counted. The ballots contained in the postal ballot box were also counted on election night by those responsible for this polling station.

Due to the number of positions up for election and the high voter turnout, the counting process took longer than expected. The operations were carried out in an orderly manner, without any anomalies being noted. Several candidates, representing different teams were present to observe the counting process.

The official results were published on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec (DGEQ) at 2:15 a.m. on November 3, 2025. A link to this page was also added to the news item entitled "2025 Election Results" on the municipality's website.

## The Results

The results, including advance polls and mail-in ballots, are as follows:

<b>MAYOR:</b>		
	458	Alain Giroux – Team Alain Giroux
	175	Ron Kelley – Équipe Kelley Team
	370	Alexandre Larche – Synergy Team
<b>COUNCILLORS</b>		
<b>SEAT NO. 1</b>	450	Robert Emblem – Team Alain Giroux
	369	Louis Martin – Synergy Team
	182	Alexandra Plouffe – Équipe Kelley Team
<b>SEAT NO. 2</b>	153	Debbie Lalumière – Équipe Kelley Team
	388	Julie Lapointe – Synergy Team
	460	Daniel Leduc – Alain Giroux Team
<b>SEAT NO. 3</b>	160	Guylaine David – Équipe Kelley Team
	479	Sakina Khan – Team Alain Giroux
	365	Isabelle Rheault – Synergy Team
<b>SEAT NO. 4</b>	375	Cindy Bilodeau – Synergy Team
	462	Shirley Roy – Team Alain Giroux
	164	Wendy Smith – Équipe Kelley Team



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<b>SEAT NO. 5</b>	138 487 373	Lucie Bellemare – Équipe Kelley Team Anik Korosec – Team Alain Giroux Étienne Rondeau-Garon – Synergy Team
<b>SEAT NO. 6</b>	172 373 458	Nancy Bélanger – Kelley Team Kloée Chenel-Fournier – Synergy Team Anselmo Marandola – Team Alain Giroux

A total of 1013 electors (including those who voted at advance polls and those who voted by mail) exercised their right to vote. This represents a participation rate of 42.62%.

- ➡ Alain Giroux was declared elected mayor with a majority of 88 votes.
- ➡ Robert Emblem was declared elected to seat No. 1 with a majority of 81 votes.
- ➡ Daniel Leduc was declared elected to seat No. 2 with a majority of 72 votes.
- ➡ Sakina Khan was declared elected to seat No. 3 with a majority of 114 votes.
- ➡ Shirley Roy was declared elected to seat No. 4 with a majority of 87 votes.
- ➡ Anick Korosec was declared elected to seat 5 with a majority of 114 votes.
- ➡ Anselmo Marandola was declared elected to seat No. 6 with a majority of 85 votes.

***Sarah Channell***  
***Returning Officer***



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## APPENDIX A

CANDIDATS ET SIÈGES			Vote par anticipation						Jour du Scrutin						VPC	TOTAL PAR CANDIDAT	ÉLU
			A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4	A-5	A-6	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	S-5	S-6	C-A		
MAIRE	Alain Giroux	21	28	39	30	38	36	40	47	37	22	43	53	24	458	✓	
	Ron Kelley	11	4	7	16	1	11	19	20	21	19	10	23	13	175		
	Alexandre Larche	15	13	32	18	34	19	35	59	25	32	39	43	6	370		
Écart entre la 1re et 2e place			6	15	7	12	4	17	5	12	12	10	4	10	11	Écart de	88
TOTAL BULLETIN REJETÉ PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			1	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	10	
TOTAL DE BULLETIN PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			48	45	78	65	74	66	96	127	84	73	93	120	44		
Siège N°1	Robert Emblem	18	30	34	31	37	36	42	46	34	22	40	54	26	450	✓	
	Louis Martin	17	9	33	19	35	18	33	59	26	32	41	41	6	369		
	Alexandra Plouffe	13	6	11	15	2	12	20	18	20	19	12	24	10	182		
Écart entre la 1re et 2e place			1	21	1	12	2	18	9	13	8	10	1	13	16	Écart de	81
TOTAL BULLETIN REJETÉ PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	1	1	1	11	
TOTAL DE BULLETIN PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			48	45	78	65	74	66	96	126	84	73	94	120	43		
Siège N°2	Debbie Lalumiere	7	4	6	13	2	11	19	18	15	18	8	22	10	153		
	Julie Lapointe	20	14	33	19	33	21	35	57	26	33	43	47	7	388		
	Daniel Leduc	21	27	39	32	39	34	41	48	41	21	43	50	24	460	✓	
Écart entre la 1re et 2e place			1	13	6	13	6	13	6	9	15	12	0	3	14	Écart de	72
TOTAL BULLETIN REJETÉ PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	1	10	
TOTAL DE BULLETIN PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			48	45	78	65	74	66	96	126	84	73	94	120	42		
Siège N°3	Guyline David	13	4	7	14	0	10	18	14	16	20	9	24	11	160		
	Sakina Khan	21	28	42	32	39	36	43	54	42	21	39	55	27	479	✓	
	Isabelle Rheault	14	13	29	19	35	20	34	54	23	32	46	40	6	365		
Écart entre la 1re et 2e place			7	15	13	13	4	16	9	0	19	11	7	15	16	Écart de	114
TOTAL BULLETIN REJETÉ PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	3	0	0	1	0	9	
TOTAL DE BULLETIN PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			48	45	78	65	74	66	96	126	84	73	94	120	44		
Siège N°4	Cindy Bilodeau	19	12	32	18	38	21	33	51	24	34	43	43	7	375		
	Shirley Roy	20	28	37	33	34	36	43	53	40	19	42	54	23	462	✓	
	Wendy Smith	9	5	9	13	2	9	19	19	16	19	9	22	13	164		
Écart entre la 1re et 2e place			1	16	5	15	4	15	10	2	16	15	1	11	10	Écart de	87
TOTAL BULLETIN REJETÉ PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	4	1	0	1	0	11	
TOTAL DE BULLETIN PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			48	45	78	65	74	66	96	126	84	73	94	120	43		
Siège N°5	Lucie Bellemare	10	4	6	11	0	8	13	12	15	21	8	18	12	138		
	Anik Korosec	24	29	39	34	39	39	45	56	38	20	39	61	24	487	✓	
	Étienne Rondeau-Garon	14	12	33	20	33	19	37	54	27	32	46	40	6	373		
Écart entre la 1re et 2e place			10	17	6	14	6	20	8	2	11	11	7	21	12	Écart de	114
TOTAL BULLETIN REJETÉ PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	4	0	1	1	1	13	
TOTAL DE BULLETIN PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			48	45	78	65	74	66	96	125	84	73	94	120	43		
Siège N°6	Nancy Bélangier	20	5	7	14	1	13	16	14	15	19	14	24	10	172		
	Kloée Chenel-Fournier	16	10	32	17	36	22	31	54	27	34	44	43	7	373		
	Anselmo Marandola	12	30	39	34	37	31	47	56	39	19	36	52	26	458	✓	
Écart entre la 1re et 2e place			4	20	7	17	1	9	16	2	12	15	8	9	16	Écart de	85
TOTAL BULLETIN REJETÉ PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	9	
TOTAL DE BULLETIN PAR BUREAU DE VOTE			48	45	78	65	74	66	96	126	84	73	94	120	43		