



Title: Annual Election Results Report

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Summary:

At the December 1, 2025, Operations and Programs Committee (OPC) meeting, Outreach staff will provide a summary of the outcomes of 2025 municipal elections within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD or District). MCWD's government relations consultant, Joel Carlson, will also provide a legislative update ahead of the 2026 session.

Purpose:

To ensure the Board and staff are tracking broad trends and specific changes among MCWD's communities and key audiences, Outreach has developed an election snapshot that provides a high-level scan of 2025 election results and key issues within the District.

Election Overview:

The 2025 General Election took place on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Many key issues for voters across the District and the Twin Cities metro centered on the cost of living, including housing affordability and property taxes. Additional key issues included community development/redevelopment, labor relations, public safety, and sustainability.

As an odd-year election, only five municipalities within the District held mayoral and/or city council elections in 2025: Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park. In total, there were 23 council seats and three mayoral seats up for election across the five municipalities. Additionally, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board held elections for all nine Park Board commissioners.

There were no elections at the county or state levels within the District.

City	Mayoral Election	Council/Commissioner Election
Golden Valley		X
Hopkins	X	X
Minneapolis	X	X
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board		X
Minnetonka	X	X
St. Louis Park		X

As a result of the election, there will be some turnover in nearly all of the municipalities; however, the majority of this turnover is due to incumbents not seeking reelection. Only two incumbents lost their bid for reelection.

See Attachment 1 for the results of each of the municipal elections held within the District in 2025.

Special Appointments and Elections

Outside of the General Election, six municipalities announced special appointments or held special elections throughout the year to fill city council vacancies. Those municipalities included Excelsior, Independence, Medina, Orono, Tonka Bay, and Wayzata. Five of the municipalities filled vacant council seats through special appointments, while Orono was the only municipality to hold a special election.

These vacancies were due to former council members resigning before their term ended, moving out of their municipality, or winning their municipality's mayoral race in the 2024 General Election, resulting in a vacant city council seat in 2025. Each of the appointed or elected council members' terms will run through 2026.

City	Special Council Appointment	Special Council Election
Excelsior	X	
Independence	X	
Medina	X	
Orono		X
Tonka Bay	X	
Wayzata	X	

December 1, 2025, Operations and Programs Committee Meeting:

At the December 1, 2025, OPC meeting, staff will summarize 2025 election results and cover the following:

- Approach and methods used to develop the 2025 election snapshot
- Summary of municipal election results
- Overview of recent and upcoming policymaker engagement
- Update on the 2026 legislative session

Supporting Documents:

Attachment 1: Municipal Election Details

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Legend:

	Up for Election
	Incumbent Won
	Seat turned over
	Seat left vacant

*Incumbent not running

City/Town	Pre-Election			Post- 2025 November Elections		
	<i>Title</i>	<i>District/Ward</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>District/Ward</i>	<i>Name</i>
Golden Valley	Mayor	NA	Roslyn Harmon	Mayor	NA	Roslyn Harmon
	Council Member	At-Large	Sophia Ginis	Council Member	At-Large	Sophia Ginis
	Council Member	At-Large	Maurice Harris	Council Member	At-Large	Maurice Harris
	Council Member	At-Large	Denise La Mere-Anderson*	Council Member	At-Large	Tracey Fussy
	Council Member	At-Large	Gillian Rosenquist*	Council Member	At-Large	Chris Queitzsch

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Hopkins	Mayor	NA	Patrick Hanlon	Mayor	NA	Patrick Hanlon
	Council Member	At-Large	Aaron Kuznia	Council Member	At-Large	Aaron Kuznia
	Council Member	At-Large	Heidi Garrido	Council Member	At-Large	Heidi Garrido
	Council Member	At-Large	Ben Goodlund	Council Member	At-Large	Ben Goodlund
	Council Member	At-Large	Brian Hunke	Council Member	At-Large	Brian Hunke

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Minneapolis	Mayor	NA	Jacob Frey	Mayor	NA	Jacob Frey
	Council Member	1	Elliott Payne	Council Member	1	Elliott Payne
	Council Member	2	Robin Wonsley	Council Member	2	Robin Wonsley
	Council Member	3	Michael Rainville	Council Member	3	Michael Rainville
	Council Member	4	LaTrisha Vetaw	Council Member	4	LaTrisha Vetaw
	Council Member	5	Jeremiah Ellison*	Council Member	5	Pearl Warren
	Council Member	6	Jamal Osman	Council Member	6	Jamal Osman
	Council Member	7	Katie Cashman	Council Member	7	Elizabeth Shaffer
	Council Member	8	Andrea Jenkins*	Council Member	8	Soren Stevenson
	Council Member	9	Jason Chavez	Council Member	9	Jason Chavez
	Council Member	10	Aisha Chughtai	Council Member	10	Aisha Chughtai
	Council Member	11	Emily Koski*	Council Member	11	Jamison Whiting
	Council Member	12	Aurin Chowdhury	Council Member	12	Aurin Chowdhury
	Council Member	13	Linea Palmisano	Council Member	13	Linea Palmisano

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Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board	Commissioner	1	Billy Menz*	Commissioner	1	Dan Engelhart
	Commissioner	2	Becka Thompson*	Commissioner	2	Charles Rucker
	Commissioner	3	Becky Alper*	Commissioner	3	Kedar Deshpande
	Commissioner	4	Elizabeth Shaffer*	Commissioner	4	Jason Garcia
	Commissioner	5	Steffanie Musich	Commissioner	5	Kay Carvajal Moran
	Commissioner	6	Cathy Abene	Commissioner	6	Cathy Abene
	Commissioner	At-Large	Meg Forney	Commissioner	At-Large	Meg Forney
	Commissioner	At-Large	Tom Olsen	Commissioner	At-Large	Tom Olsen
	Commissioner	At-Large	Charles Rucker*	Commissioner	At-Large	Amber Frederick

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Minnetonka	Mayor	NA	Brad Weirsum*	Mayor	NA	Rebecca Schack
	Council Member	At-Large A	Deb Calvert	Council Member	At-Large A	Deb Calvert
	Council Member	At-Large B	Kimberly Wilburn	Council Member	At-Large B	Kimberly Wilburn
	Council Member	1	Patsy Foster-Bolton	Council Member	1	Patsey Foster Bolton
	Council Member	2	Rebecca Schack	Council Member	2	Vacant
	Council Member	3	Paula Ramaley	Council Member	3	Paula Ramaley
	Council Member	4	Kissy Coakley	Council Member	4	Kissy Coakley

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St. Louis Park	Mayor	NA	Nadia Mohamed	Mayor	NA	Nadia Mohamed
	Council Member	At-Large A	Yolanda Farris	Council Member	At-Large A	Yolanda Farris
	Council Member	At-Large B	Paul Baudhuin	Council Member	At-Large B	Paul Baudhuin
	Council Member	1	Margaret Rog*	Council Member	1	Daniel Bashore
	Council Member	2	Lynette Dumalag*	Council Member	2	Jim Engelking
	Council Member	3	Sue Budd	Council Member	3	Sue Budd
	Council Member	4	Tim Brausen	Council Member	4	Tim Brausen