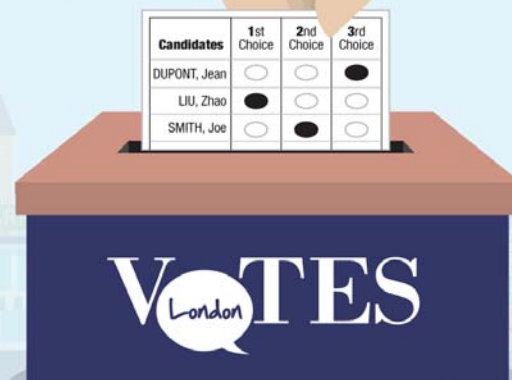


# Rank Your Vote

Let's talk about possible changes to the way London votes.



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## What is Ranked Choice Voting?

- The City of London is exploring the option to use **Ranked Choice Voting** (a ranked ballot system).
- This is a system that has been used around the world to tally votes on voting day.
- Instead of voting for only one candidate, you can choose up to three candidates in order of preference.

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# How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

Voters rank the candidates in order of preference on the ballot –

- 1<sup>st</sup> choice,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, and
- 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.

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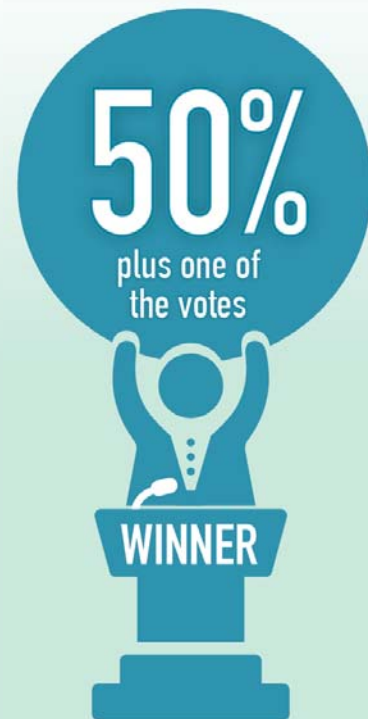
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## Determining a winner

- To win, it's not enough to get the most votes:
  - **The candidate who receives 50% plus one of the votes wins.**
- This is achieved through a process of elimination.



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# Claims made in support of Ranked Choice Voting

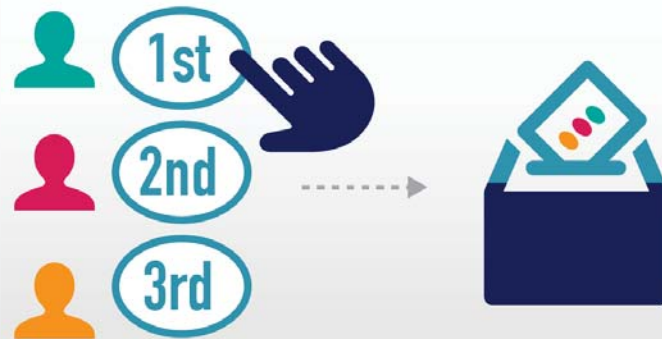
- Reduces strategic voting
- Reduces negative campaigning
- The winning candidate may better reflect the desires of the majority of the voters
- Encourages more candidates to remain in the race until voting day without the threat of “vote splitting” between like-minded candidates

# Claims made against Ranked Choice Voting

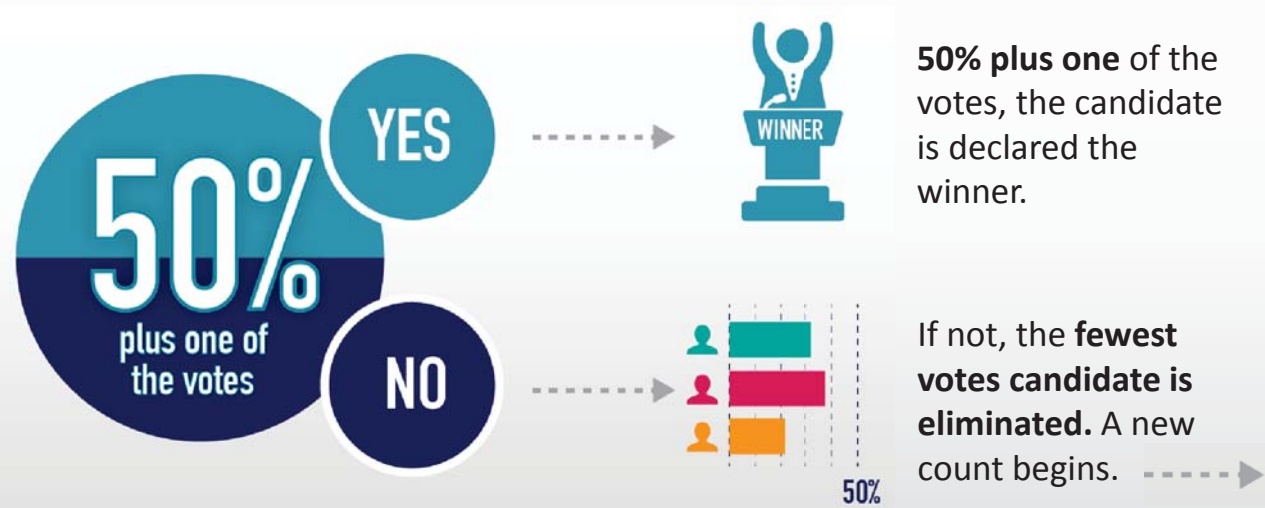
- There is no proven and tested method of tabulating Ranked Choice ballots in an Ontario election
- Results could take longer to determine
- Developing new technology and creating new ballots will raise the cost of the election

# How are votes tallied in a Ranked Choice Voting system?

All of the first-choice votes are added up.



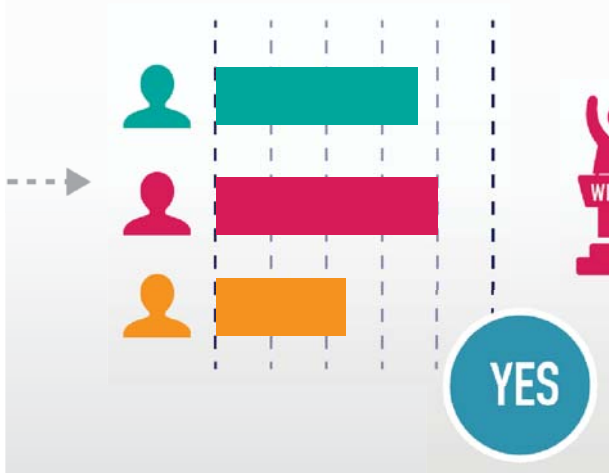
# How is a winner declared?



**50% plus one** of the votes, the candidate is declared the winner.

If not, the **fewest votes candidate is eliminated**. A new count begins.

# What happens to my vote when my candidate is eliminated?



- The ballots that ranked the eliminated candidate as the first choice, are now counted again

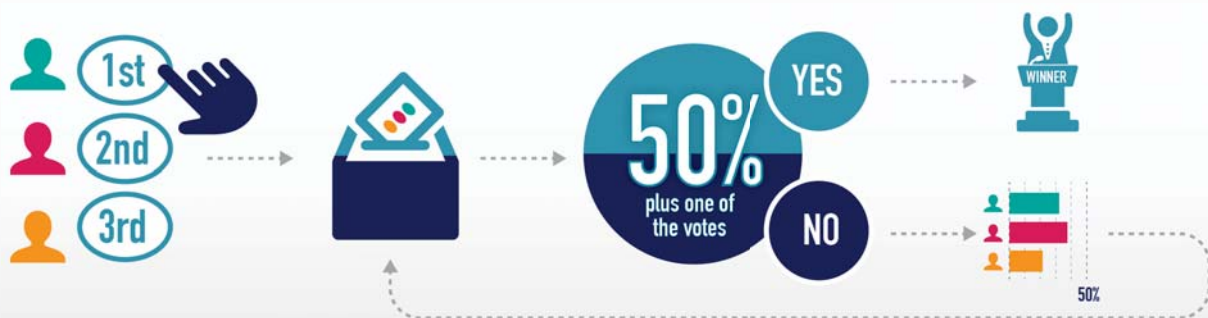
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this time using the **second-choice votes.**

- This process is repeated until a **winner can be declared with 50% plus one of the vote.**



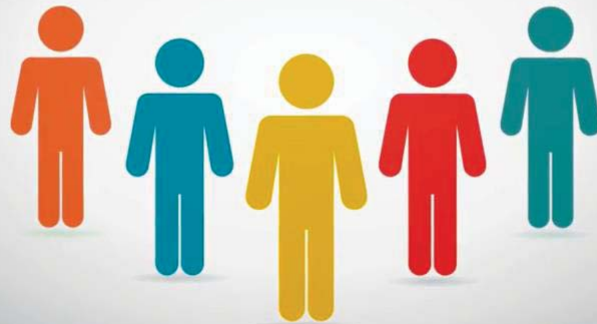
# Overview of how Ranked Choice Voting works



This process is repeated until a winner can be declared.

# A quick video about Ranked Choice Voting

## Ranked Choice Voting



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## How will Ranked Choice Voting be implemented?

### Advance Touchscreen Election:

- By 2018, voters may have the use of accessible touchscreen devices at polling locations during advance voting, replacing paper ballots.



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# How will Ranked Choice Voting be implemented?

## Tabulators on Voting Day:

- In-poll tabulation occurs for every voting day poll.
- Marked ballots are fed through the tabulation equipment and into the ballot box.
  - The elector receives visual confirmation that their ballot has been counted.
- When the polls close and results have been verified, they will be uploaded and posted on our website.



# How much will Ranked Choice Voting cost?

- The current budget for conducting elections is \$1.9 million.
- In 2014, the cost was \$1.3 million.
- The increase between 2014 and 2018 is attributed to:
  - rising costs for poll staffing
  - remuneration
  - communications
  - postage
  - technology improvements

# How much will Ranked Choice Voting cost?

- It is estimated, in addition to the budgeted amount elections will cost the following:

Consultation	\$ 150,000
Tabulators	-
Paper Ballots	\$ 42,500*
Vendor Cost	\$ 10,000†
Staff Resources	\$ 70,000
Poll Workers	\$ 50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 322,500</b>

\* Cost is based on ranking a maximum of three candidates, legal sized ballot, printed double-sided. If the number of candidates or rankings increase, the number of ballots will increase and so will the cost.  
† Not including the algorithm development and testing in results software.

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## Three ways to give us your opinions on Ranked Choice Voting

1. Leave a **comment card tonight** in the box located at the back of the room before leaving tonight.
2. **Online participation** at [engage.london.ca](https://engage.london.ca)
3. Public Participation meeting  
**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**  
being held at City Hall (part of the Corporate Services Committee Meeting)





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