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STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD HOSTS SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE CANDIDATES' DEBATE

Stratford, Ontario (October 5, 2018) – On Monday, October 22nd, residents of Stratford will vote for two trustees to be their voices within the Avon Maitland District School Board for the next four years. The Stratford Public Library Board believes strongly in the importance of supporting the democratic process, and that School Board Trustees play a key leadership role in setting the strategic direction of our local school board and in making sure there is local accountability for student success and well-being.

To that end, it will once again host a School Board Trustee Candidates' Debate. The debate will be held at the Stratford Public Library at 2pm on Sunday, October 14th, and will include presentations from the candidates followed by moderated questions from the audience and time for meet and greet. All three Avon Maitland District School Board candidates will be attending.

The Board invites all members of the public to attend the discussion to find out where our school trustee candidates stand on matters of concern to our community and our children. The panel discussion will be moderated by Geoff Williams, former Library Board Chair and former Director of Education with the AMDSB. Topics to be discussed include: experience and priorities of the candidates, the use of social media in schools, and upcoming challenges for the school system.

Location: Stratford Public Library Auditorium, 19 St Andrew Street

Date: Sunday, October 14. Doors open at 2pm; the panel discussion will begin at 2:15pm.

The SPL auditorium is fully accessible.

For further information about the Municipal Election process and candidates, please visit

<https://www.stratford.library.on.ca/election2018>.

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