



MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2010 INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

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On **Monday, October 25, 2010** municipal elections will be held in your municipality. The elections are administered by your Municipal Clerk. The following information is being provided to assist you in voting.

OFFICE TO BE ELECTED:

In this election you will be selecting the following representatives for the period December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2014.

Municipal Council:

Mayor – One to be elected
Deputy Mayor – One to be elected
Councillors – Three to be elected in Ward I
Two to be elected in Ward II

School Board:

English Public School Board - One Trustee to be elected
English Separate School Board - One Trustee to be elected
French District School Board - One Trustee to be elected
French Separate School Board - One Trustee to be elected

WHO MAY VOTE?

Any person who on Voting Day meets all the following qualifications is eligible to vote:

- A Canadian citizen
- At least 18 years old
- Residing in the local municipality or an owner of tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant
- Not otherwise prohibited from voting

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 as amended prohibits the following individuals from voting:

- A person serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution;
- A corporation;
- A person convicted or a corrupt practice for an election held within four years of voting day;
- A person acting as an executor or trustee on behalf of the person they are representing unless they have been appointed as a voting proxy.

I HAVE JUST MOVED WHERE DO I VOTE?

Each person only has one residence. An individual who moves prior to voting Day is required to vote at their new address.

NUMBER OF VOTES:

A voter is only entitled to vote once in a municipality and once for a school board even if voter has more than one qualifying property address within the municipality or school board. The place where the voter resides is where they vote. A voter may only have one permanent residence.

WHERE DO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VOTE?

With respect to students, the place where a person's family resides is also their residence unless they have moved with the intention of changing their permanent lodging. Students who reside "away from home" may vote in both places – within the municipality where their family resides (their home) if it is their permanent residence and within the municipality they attend school.

VOTE BY MAIL:

The alternative Voting Method "Vote by Mail" is being used for the 2010 Municipal Election;

- Voting Kits will be mailed, to electors whose names appears on the preliminary list of electors, you will be issued one voting kit. Should you inadvertently receive more than one kit, please note that it is against the law to vote more than once in a municipality.
- The yellow return envelope may also be dropped off at the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand Municipal Administrative Office during normal office hours and up to 8:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 25, 2010.**

WHAT SCHOOL BOARD DO I VOTE FOR?

Each elector is eligible to vote for school board representation.

It is important that electors check their status on the Voters' List to determine whether they have been listed as an elector for the correct school board and if not correctly listed, they apply to the Clerk to amend the Voters' List **prior** to attending the voting place.

The following is a list of the different elector status for school board purposes in your municipality. You may only vote in one school board election.

- Public School Elector;
- English or French Roman Catholic Separate School Elector (Must be Roman Catholic, not just the spouse of a Roman Catholic);
- French Language Board Elector (Public or Separate) (Must have the right under the Canadian Charter of Rights to have their children receive primary or secondary education in the French language not French immersion).

PLEASE NOTE- Commercial Property Owners:

If you are a non-resident elector as a result of being an owner or tenant or spouse or same sex partner of an owner or tenant of commercial or industrial property, you are not permitted to vote for school board purposes.

ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS' LIST?

A list of all eligible voters will be prepared and will be available by September 2010. You may call to inquire whether you are on the list by contacting the Office of the Clerk at 905-349-2822, extension 32 or extension 23.

The list is available for inspection at the following location during the hours indicated:

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
10836 County Road #2
Grafton, ON
9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Monday to Friday

NOT ON VOTERS' LIST?

If you are not on the Voters' List or the information about you is incorrect, you may go to the Municipal Office at the address and times listed above and complete an application to be added to or amend the list. Revisions to the Voters' List can be completed from **September 7, 2010 to October 25, 2010**.

Please note that the Clerk and/or designate will require that you provide proof of identification or proof of qualification as an elector. Please call the Municipal Office to determine what documentation you may need.

If you have moved within the last 4 years and/or you want to ensure that you are correctly identified on the Voters' List, please contact MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) directly **Prior to June 1, 2010** at Toll Free: 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) Website: www.mpac.ca.