



## **2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS– INFORMATION FOR VOTERS**

*(Sect. 17 (2) of the Municipal Election Law 2010)*

### ❖ **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:**

You are eligible to vote if you:

- (a) reside in the Municipality of West Nipissing or are owner/tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of such owner/tenant;
- (b) are a Canadian Citizen;
- (c) are at least 18 years old on Voting Day;
- (d) are not prohibited by law from voting.

### ❖ **WHAT SCHOOL BOARD DO I VOTE FOR?**

It is important you check your status on the Voters' List to determine whether you have been listed as an elector of the correct school board. If the listing is incorrect, you can attend at the Clerk's office to amend the list prior to Voting.

Voters must be Roman Catholic and be qualified as electors to be separate school electors. Voters must have French Language Rights and be qualified as electors to be French school electors. Where your child attends school does not have any bearing on voter qualifications.

Owners or tenants (or spouses of owners or tenants) of non-residential property are not eligible to vote in school board elections.

### ❖ **AM I ON THE VOTERS' LIST?**

The preliminary list of all electors will be publicly posted in the Clerk's Office and will be available by the first week of August, 2010. You may call the Deputy Clerk at (705) 753-6907 to inquire whether you are on the list during regular business hours (Monday to Friday from 8:30a.m. to 4:30pm.)

If you are not on the Voters' List or if the information about you is incorrect, you may go to the Clerk's Office and fill out an application to be added to the List. All applications for revision must be in the designated form, properly completed and signed by the applicant. **Photo-identification and proof of residence will be required.** Please note that the Clerk may also require proof of qualification as an elector (proof of Canadian citizenship i.e. birth certificate). Please call the Deputy Clerk's Office to determine what documentation you may need.

❖ **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2010:** Last day to remove another person's name from Voters List

❖ **MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010:** Last day of filing additions or deletions from the Voters List

### ❖ **HOW DO I GET ON THE VOTERS' LIST OR FIND OUT IF I AM ON THE VOTERS' LIST BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010?**

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for preparing the preliminary list of electors for each municipality and school board during an election year. To find out if you are currently on MPAC's Municipal Property Assessment database, to update or change your information or to have your name added to this database, please contact MPAC directly.

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Toll free: 1-866-296-MPAC (6722)  
Website: [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca)

Access for the Hard of Hearing is available by calling 1-877-TTY-MPAC (6722) or through the Bell Relay service.

❖ **CAN I ADD MY NAME TO THE VOTERS' LIST AT THE VOTING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY?**

Yes. However, it is recommended that you to complete your revision application sooner in order to avoid delays at the Municipal Office.

❖ **WHEN CAN I VOTE?**

**Voting by mail :** As authorized in Section 42 (1) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, the Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing adopted by-law 2009/69 to conduct the 2010 Municipal Elections using a mail-in voting method.

After September 27, 2010, Canada Post will begin printing and delivering blank Voters Kits for the Municipality, and the production of the addressed Voters Kits will follow immediately, to be deposited in the Mail by Canada Post for all Electors. Electors who are not on the Voters List may attend the Municipal Office at 225 Holditch Street in Sturgeon Falls to obtain a Blank Voters Kit until Voting Day, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The procedure to add electors to the voters list will be followed as indicated above, in order to receive a Voters Kit.

Starting on the day they receive their Voters Kits, Electors will be able to mail their ballots from any Postal Outlet, by returning the same in a return envelope provided in the voters kits. We remind anyone mailing their ballots ensure their timely delivery by Canada Post by Voting, day, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Electors will also have the option of delivering their ballots at the following municipal offices during regular office hours up to the date/time indicated:

- 225 Holditch Street, Sturgeon Falls, Ontario (8 p.m.- October 25<sup>th</sup>)
- 11790 Hwy 64, Verner, ON (4:30 p.m.- October 25<sup>th</sup>)

❖ **“ADVANCE POLLS” AND “PROXY VOTING”**

Not available in the Voting by mail system.

❖ **WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATES?**

You can contact the candidates individually, review information that is contained on candidate websites/promotional material if they have selected this proposed option, watch the media for candidate information or attend All Candidates' Meetings.

For further information please contact us.

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