



MUNICIPALITY OF **HIGHLANDS EAST** 2010 Municipal Elections

The Municipality of Highlands East will again use the alternative voting system “Vote-by-Mail for the 2010 municipal elections. This alternative voting method has been successfully used in the 2000, 2003 and 2006 Municipal Elections both in efficiency and voter turnout. Vote by mail is a way of conducting elections using the mail. It eliminates polling stations, advance polls and proxy voting. It transforms every mailbox into a ballot box. Voting is as easy as mailing a letter. Vote by mail kits will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector. If you are an eligible voter you will receive your vote by mail kit the week of September 27th, 2010. Deadline for return mail is October 16th.

What do you need to know about the municipal elections?

Make sure you are on the Voters’ List!

The Voters’ List will be made available for the public to review from **September 1, 2010 to October 24, 2010 during regular office hours and October 25th at the Wilberforce Office until 8:00 p.m.** Please ensure that your name is on the Voters’ List. In the event your name is not on the Voters’ List you may, upon application, add your name to the Voters’ List from **September 7, 2010** until the close of voting on **October 25, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.**

Obtain the names of the eligible candidates for the elections!

Ask questions!

Make a decision and cast your vote!


Drop off location for Voter Kits:


In addition to using Canada Post Mail, electors may also drop off the Return Voting Envelopes at the following locations during their regular office hours Mondays through Fridays as follows:

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| Cardiff sub-office | Gooderham Post Office | Wilberforce Municipal Office |
| 2778 Monck Road | 1032 Gooderham St. | 2249 Loop Road |
| CARDIFF, ON | GOODERHAM, ON | WILBERFORCE, ON |
| 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | 9 am. – 5:00 p.m. | 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. |

Drop off location for Voter Kits – after hours:

You may also drop off the Return Voting Envelopes after regular business hours at the

 **Municipal Office, located at 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce, Ontario.** The drop off box is located at the front of the building at the entrance door.

 **Gooderham Post Office, 1032 Gooderham St., Gooderham, Ontario.** The drop off box is located at the front of the building – red mailbox.

Cottagers in the area over Thanksgiving Weekend will find this a handy alternative to mailing their return voting kits by stopping by and dropping off their kits at the “after hours” drop off locations.

Seasonal Residents - Invite your ward candidates and candidates for Reeve to attend one of the cottage association or private road association meeting over the summer months.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| January 4th, 2010 | Nomination and Campaign Period Commences |
| April 6th, 2010 | Determination and Distribution of School Board Trustees |
| June 1st, 2010 | Deadline to pass by-law authorizing an alternative voting method Deadline for establishing procedures and forms for alternative voting method |
| June 1st, 2010 | Deadline to provide candidates with a copy of procedures and forms established |
| July 31st, 2010 | Earliest date to receive Preliminary List of Electors |
| September 7th, 2010 | Revision of Preliminary List of Electors begins |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2010 | NOMINATION DAY (9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.) |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2010 | WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATIONS BEFORE 2:00 P.M. |
| September 13th, 2010 | Clerk to certify Nomination Papers prior to 4:00 p.m. |
| September 15th, 2010 | If necessary - Additional Nominations will be received 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. |
| September 20th, 2010 | Clerk to issue Maximum Campaign Spending Limits |
| September 20th, 2010 | Prepare & distribute changes to the Voters' List |
| Week of September 27th, 2010 | Voter Kits will be mailed out |
| October 16th, 2010 | Last day for returning ballot by mail - voters are encouraged to drop ballot off at municipal offices located in Gooderham, Cardiff and Wilberforce |
| October 25th, 2010 | 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. VOTING DAY |
| October 26th, 2010 | Clerk to Declare Official Results |

Term of Office for Elected Representatives:
December 1st, 2010 to November 30th, 2014 (four year term)