



**PUBLIC NOTICE
RE: VOTE BY MAIL PROCESS**

The 2010 Municipal Elections are being conducted by Vote-by-Mail. Each qualified elector will be receiving a complete "Voter's Kit" in the mail. The following is an outline of the process electors will follow to cast their ballots:

- ✓ Vote-by-Mail Voter's Kits will be mailed to all electors commencing September 27, 2010.
- ✓ **If you do not receive a Vote-by-Mail Voter's Kit by October 12, 2010** please contact the Municipal Elections Office at City Hall to amend the Voters' List, and sign a declaration form to receive a Blank Voter's Kit.
- ✓ Electors should **MAIL** their completed Return Voter's Kit to the City of Dryden by October 16, 2010 to ensure its delivery prior to Voting Day (October 25, 2010).
- ✓ **Electors are encouraged to mail in their ballots**, however, electors may drop off their completed Return Voter's Kit at City Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on Voting Day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ✓ **Any Return Voter's Kit not mailed by the elector prior to October 16, 2010 should be hand delivered to City Hall to ensure it will be received in time for the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on October 25, 2010 (Voting Day).**

On Voting Day (Monday, October 25, 2010):

- ✓ The Vote-by-Mail Voter's Kit you received in the mail should be considered your only ballot. **If you choose to vote on Voting Day**, you **MUST** bring the completed Return Voter's Kit you received in the mail or the Blank Voter's Kit that you were issued and place it in the drop off box located at the City Hall.

Voters should check the contents of their Vote-by-Mail Voter's Kit. If any of the contents below are missing, they should call the Clerk's Office during regular business hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 223-1147 or on Voting Day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A Vote-by-Mail Voter's Kit includes:

- 1. Ballot**
- 2. Voting Instructions and Voter Declaration Form (to be signed by Elector)**
- 3. Secrecy Envelope (White)**
- 4. Postage-paid Reply Envelope (Yellow)**

Ballots have been prepared for counting on electronic voting tabulators and should not be folded in any manner other than as originally creased and as per the instructions. Also, as the original ballot in your Voter's Kit has been formatted specifically for use in the electronic voting tabulators, please **DO NOT** photocopy this ballot and remark. If you require a replacement ballot, please attend the Municipal Elections Office at City Hall.

Tips for Completing your Ballot

1. Preferably use a pen with black ink or black marker to mark your ballot.
2. Fill in the oval beside the candidate's name of your choice.
3. Do not write anything else on the ballot, or secrecy envelope.
4. Insert the completed ballot in the white secrecy envelope and seal. **Only include the ballot in the white secrecy envelope.**
5. Sign the Voter's Declaration Form and detach from the instructions. **DO NOT** place this form in the white secrecy envelope.
6. Place the sealed white secrecy envelope containing your **Ballot ONLY** and the Signed Voter's Declaration Form into the yellow return envelope with the City's address showing in the window of the yellow envelope.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

1. Please **DO NOT** enclose the signed "Voter Declaration Form" in the white secrecy envelope. **This is to be separate from the white secrecy envelope, which contains the completed ballot ONLY.**
2. **The final day to deposit postmarked Return Voter's Kits with Canada Post is October 16, 2010. Following this date, electors are encouraged to take steps to ensure alternate delivery of Return Voter's Kits by dropping off at City Hall.**
3. **No ballots will be accepted after 8:00 p.m., on Voting Day (October 25, 2010), either by personal delivery or by mail.**
4. **There will be no advance polls other than electors may submit their Return Voter's Kits at City Hall upon receipt of their Voter's Kit in the mail commencing September 27, 2010 up to and including Voting Day, October 25, 2010 by 8:00 p.m.**
5. **Voting by Proxy is not an option in this election.**
6. **Please follow the instructions included in the Voter's Kits very closely. Only one Voter's Kit is to be used per voter for the purpose of voting in this election.**

CORRECTIONS TO VOTERS' LIST:

Electors are encouraged to check the Voters' List to ensure your name and mailing address are correct. Copies of the List are available for your inspection at the Clerk's Office at City Hall and the Dryden Public Library. Please note, amendments to the Voters' List will continue to be accepted during regular business hours commencing September 7, 2010 until the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2010 (Voting Day).

Information regarding the 2010 Municipal Elections is also available on the City of Dryden website at www.dryden.ca or contact the City of Dryden Administration Office at (807) 223-1147.

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