



**CITY OF DRYDEN  
2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE: Improving Accessibility to the Voters**

Please be advised that the City of Dryden will once again be using an Electronic Voting Tabulator to scan and count the ballots for the 2010 Municipal Election.

To improve accessibility for this election, the tabulators being used by the City of Dryden will have the capacity to provide an audio voting system that will provide an option to allow electors with special needs who cannot mark a paper ballot with a pen, and require the unit's Ballot Marker Device to generate a marked paper ballot.

Voting using the Tabulator's audio voting system will be available at the Ballot Return/Revision Centre located in Council Chambers at City Hall commencing October 4, 2010 to October 22, 2010 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day, Monday, October 25, 2010.

The voter will use the Audio Tactile Interface (ATI) and a set of headphones to navigate their way through the audio ballot. After the voter has confirmed their selections, the system will print a paper copy of their marked ballot for them. The paper ballot emerges from a printer into a secrecy folder. The ballot is kept in the secrecy folder and is provided to the voter who will then insert the ballot in their white secrecy envelope that was provided as part of their Vote by Mail Kit.

Under Section 45 (9) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, the Deputy Returning Officer may attend on the elector to allow an elector with a disability to vote. In addition, under Section 52 (1) 4., a Deputy Returning Officer may permit an elector who needs assistance in voting to have such as considered necessary. An oral oath or affirmation of incapacity to vote without assistance shall be issued by the Deputy Returning Officer.

The Ballot Return/Revision Centre will also be equipped with privacy screens and magnifying sheets should voters with low vision wish to complete their Return Voter's Kit including their ballot at City Hall. Please note City Hall is equipped with handicapped parking, a ramp, and an automatic door opener at the front entrance and an elevator to provide assistance to anyone wishing to enter the Ballot Return/Revision Centre in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Alternatively, voters can complete their Return Voter's Kit containing their ballot that was received in their mail at home and mail it through Canada Post.

As the Returning Officer for the 2010 Municipal Election, my staff and I will endeavour to make every effort to assist voters with special needs to be able to exercise their right to vote in this Election.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact the City of Dryden Municipal Election Office at 223-1125 or 223-1127.

Colleen J. S. Brosseau  
City Clerk and Returning Officer

*Post to Website September 24 and Clerk's Office, Library, and Recreation Office*