



2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTION ✓

Information for Voters

Voting is your democratic right. It is also the easiest way to have a say in how your community is governed. When you cast a ballot, you are choosing someone who will represent you. Local government makes many important decisions that impact you as a resident and/or property owner. Aside from establishing a property tax rate, municipalities regulate development, create and maintain roads and infrastructure as well as operate various community programs and safety services. Voting does not require a lot of time or effort, however, it is a powerful way to send a message to those who represent you and your interests.

On October 25, 2010, eligible electors in the Municipality of Brighton will elect the following candidates to serve a four year term effective December 1, 2010 until November 30, 2014:

⇒ **MAYOR**

- (One is elected by all electors of the municipality).

⇒ **COUNCILLORS**

- (Six to be elected at large).

⇒ **DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (English)**

- (One to be elected by public school electors of the municipality).

⇒ **DISTRICT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.**

- (One to be elected by separate school electors of the municipality).

⇒ **FRENCH LANGUAGE DISTRICT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD**

- (One to be elected by French language separate school electors).

⇒ **FRENCH LANGUAGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

- (One to be elected by French language electors within the municipality).

Bill 212 Changes to the Municipal Elections Act:

Bill 212, *The Good Government Act*, made various amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Many of these impact candidates, but several also effect the electorate. Voting Day has been moved to the last Friday in October of an election year (Monday, October 25, 2010). And a contributor to a campaign cannot contribute more than \$5,000 to all candidates running for office within a municipality or school board jurisdiction. Visit the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for further information on Bill 212.

Elector Qualifications:

A qualified elector for the 2010 Municipal Election in the Municipality of Brighton is:

- A Canadian citizen; and,
- At least 18 years of age (as of voting day); and,
- A resident* of the Municipality of Brighton or an owner or tenant of land in the Municipality of Brighton, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and,
- Is not prohibited from voting (see below).

**Please Note: A "resident" is considered to be an individual who lives in a permanent lodging place, to which, whenever absent, intends to return. A person may only have one residence at a time, however, he or she may have residences in two municipalities at the same time. If a person lives in one residence for the purpose of attending an educational institution but not with the intention of changing his or her permanent lodging place, he or she is considered to be an eligible elector in the municipality where his or her permanent lodging place resides.*

The following are **prohibited** from voting in the 2010 Municipal Election:

- A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution;
- A corporation;
- A person acting as executor/trustee or in any other representative capacity, except as a voting proxy
- A person who was convicted of a corrupt practice.

The Voters' List:

The voters' list is a list of eligible electors which can vote in the Municipality of Brighton. The list is compiled prior to each election by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) which maintains the list through general and targeted enumeration efforts. MPAC forwards a preliminary list of electors to the Municipality at the end of August which is then corrected and made available for revision from September 7, 2010 through to voting day on October 25, 2010.

If you have moved within the past 4 years and/or you want to ensure that you are correctly identified on the voters' list, please contact MPAC directly **prior to June 1, 2010:**

Toll Free: 1-866-296-MPAC (6722)

Website: www.mpac.ca

Voting Method:

The Municipality of Brighton will be using "**VOTE BY MAIL**" for the 2010 municipal election. Every eligible voter will receive a Vote By Mail Kit which will provide the exact voting instructions.

Campaign Contributions:

The following **may** make contributions to a candidate's campaign:

- An individual who is normally a resident in Ontario
- A corporation that carries on business in Ontario
- A trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario
- A candidate and his or her spouse (subject to Section 70(5), *MEA*, if not normally a resident in Ontario, a candidate and his or her spouse may make contributions only to the candidate's election campaign)

The following **shall not** contribute to a campaign:

- A federal political party registered under the *Canada Elections Act* or any federal constituency association or registered candidate in a federal election
- A provincial political party, constituency association, registered candidate or leadership contestant registered under the *Election Finances Act*
- The Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or local board

No contributor shall make a contribution exceeding \$750 to any one candidate in an election. This limit is never to be exceeded regardless of the number of offices a candidate may have been nominated for during an election period. In addition to this, a contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$5,000 to multiple candidates for office on the same council or local board. Cash contributions of \$25 or more, are not to be accepted by candidates.

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