



INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES 2010 Municipal Election

Serving the public as an elected official requires a considerable commitment of time and energy. You are getting ready to embark on a journey that will be both rewarding and frustrating. If you are a first time candidate, you will find running for office to be a challenging and exciting experience. We hope that this guide will help make your trip through the election process a little easier.

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* sets out in detail the requirements to be met by candidates for office. These requirements have been summarized for your convenience. Please note that the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* was amended in December 2009 and significant changes were implemented as a result. We urge you to obtain your own updated copy of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, which can be downloaded from the Ministry's web site at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca or purchased from the Ontario Government Bookstore.

This guide has been prepared for the purpose of supplying information that will be of assistance to persons intending to stand for elected office. It is most important to note that the contents of this document are intended only as a guide to certain provisions of relevant legislation and do not purport to recite all applicable statutory references.

Prospective candidates must satisfy themselves through their own determination that they have complied with the election financing regulations and that they are in fact qualified to vote.

As this election year progresses, additional information will be available regarding the specifics of the election process. We will be providing you with this information as soon as it becomes available, or at the appropriate time in the process. You are advised to read the enclosed material carefully. It is important that you are aware of your responsibilities as a candidate. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have about the election process. Best wishes for a successful campaign!

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