

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2010

KEY DATES

Election Day – October 27, 2010

Candidate Registration

Mayors/Reeves – May 1, 2010 to September 21, 2010

Councillors – June 30, 2010 to September 21, 2010

Nomination

September 15, 2010 to September 21, 2010

Campaign Period

Mayors/Reeves – May 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011

Councillors – June 30, 2010 to March 31, 2011

Withdrawal Deadline

September 22, 2010

Filing of Election Finance Statements

Deadline May 25, 2011 (no later than 210 days after the election)

KEY CONTACTS

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Senior Election Official – Roger Bouvier, 792-0849

Assistant Senior Election Official – Colleen Draper, 444-3321

Head Enumerator – Kim Reid

ENUMERATION

The Municipal Council and School Board Elections Act provides that the Senior Election Officer (SEO) may conduct the enumeration in a number of ways, including door-to-door, by telephone, by mail, or by any other means specified by the SEO. We have decided to enumerate the RM of Springfield by telephone for a number of reasons: more economical than door-to-door, safety concerns – staff out on rural roads in evening, ability to leave message at any time and have voter contact the enumerator. A list has already been prepared of all the property owners. Enumerators began calling all property owners and potential voters, February 17, 2010, to verify and obtain information. We would appreciate the co-operation of all voters by replying to our messages to ensure that your names appear on the voters' list. As well if you have an unlisted telephone number please contact us so that we can add your name to the list.

PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION

If a voter wishes to have his/her information obscured from the list, they may file an application with the SEO in person, by mail or by fax. As a personal security voter, you may only vote by sealed envelope ballot.

QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS

Resident Voters

- A Canadian citizen
- at least 18 years of age on Election Day; and
- a resident of the local authority for at least six months on Election Day

Non-resident Voters

- A Canadian citizen
- At least 18 years of age on Election Day; and
- A registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months on Election Day

A maximum of two non-resident voters per property are permitted to vote in a municipal election. If more than two non-residents owned a parcel of land, each property owner must obtain written consent from the majority of the other registered landowners and file an application with the SEO, to have their names included on the voters' list.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

Who May Run:

- A Canadian citizen
- At least 18 years of age on Election Day
- A resident of Manitoba
- A voter in the municipality in which you are seeking office. (To qualify as a voter you must be a resident or property owner in the municipality for at least six months before Election Day – April 27, 2010)

Who May Not Run:

- An employee of the municipality unless they have been given a leave of absence
- A councillor or candidate running for office in another municipality
- A candidate running for school trustee
- A member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba or the Senate or House of Commons of Canada
- A provincial judge or justice of the peace
- A judge of the Court of Queen's Bench or the Court of Appeal

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

Beginning in the 2010 election, all candidates must register before they can begin to accept contributions or spend money on their campaign. Candidates must fill out a Registration form available from the SEO.

NOMINATIONS

Nomination papers must be filed with the SEO in person, by the candidate's official agent or by fax. The nominations must be supported by at least 25 voters whose names appear on the voters list.