

Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls



2018 Municipal Election

The Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls will again use the alternative voting system “Vote-by-Mail” for the 2018 municipal election.

This alternative voting method was successfully used in the 2000, 2003, 2006, 2010 and 2014 municipal elections and was found to be very efficient and yielded a high voter turnout.

Vote-by-Mail eliminates polling stations, advance polls and proxy voting. It transforms every mailbox into a ballot box. Voting is as easy as mailing a letter. Vote-by-Mail kits will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector.

If you did not check the Voters’ List online, please contact the municipal office to make sure that you are on the list (the online tool closed early in September)!

Election Calendar

September 25th-28th, 2018

Voter Kits begin distribution through Canada Post from Toronto. When you receive your Kit in the mail, complete your Ballot at home and drop it back in the mail.

October 9th through October 22nd, 2018 (8:00 p.m.)

For those who don’t drop their Ballots in the mail, you may drop them off at the Municipal Office(s). Please still complete your Ballot at home before you bring it to the office for drop off.

October 15th, 2018

Blank Voter Kits will be available at Municipal Office(s) for those who were not on the Voters’ List, newly moved to the municipality or newly became voter age or require a replacement Voter Kit.

October 22nd, 2018

Election Day and final date to receive ballot (until 8:00 p.m.). There are no polling stations. The Voter Kit you receive in the mail is your ballot. Use this Kit and Ballot to vote and return it by mail or drop it off between October 9th and 22nd. If you did not receive a Ballot or lost it, you can be issued a replacement Kit.

October 23rd, 2018

Official results will be available as soon as possible after voting day.

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Who Can Vote in A Municipal Election

We receive numerous inquiries about voter eligibility concerning citizenship. You cannot vote in a Municipal Election unless you are a Canadian citizen and also meet the age, ownership, tenancy and spouse provisions. In Ontario, simply owning property does not qualify you to vote; *unless you are a Canadian Citizen, are 18 or older **and** own/rent property, or are the spouse of an owner/renter.* Also, Landed Immigrants, or Permanent Residents, are not considered Canadian Citizens. If you receive a ballot kit and you do **not** meet these qualifications, you must contact the Municipal Office so that we may remove your name from the voters' list. Also, you must destroy the ballot kit or return, unused, the ballot kit to us with a clear notation that you are not eligible to vote and the reason why. When completing a ballot, you are required to sign a declaration stating that first and foremost you are a Canadian Citizen. If you complete the ballot, sign and return it, and you are indeed NOT a Canadian Citizen, you are making a false declaration. This is an offense, and punishable by law. Please remember, a person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality, if on voting day they meet all of the following:

- a Canadian citizen; **and**
- at least 18 years old; **and**
- residing in the local municipality or an owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; **and**
- not otherwise prohibited from voting.

Ineligible Voters

In addition to not meeting the qualifications to vote (see above), the following also cannot vote in a municipal election:

- a person serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution;
- a corporation;
- a person acting as an executor or trustee or in any other representative capacity, except as a voting proxy in accordance with section 44; or
- a person convicted of a corrupt practice for an election held within four years of voting day.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls at 807-226-5241, info@snnf.ca or visit www.snnf.ca.