



## NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF BY-LAW TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT

**TAKE NOTICE THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 adopted By-Law No. 2010-1038, to Submit a Question to Electors (Question on the Ballot) for the upcoming Municipal Election, under Section 8 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

### **Wording of Question:**

Do you agree that the Deputy Mayor should be elected by general vote?

### **Consequences of the Question if it is Approved:**

- A by-law to amend the Council Composition By-Law would need to be approved to change the election of the Deputy Mayor to general vote, which would allow the electors to choose their Deputy Mayor at the next Municipal Election
- In 2013, Council could then consider whether to re-divide or abolish the wards (this occurs each election to ensure the guiding principles for ward boundaries are met)

### **Consequences of the Question if it is Rejected:**

- The Deputy Mayor would continue to be elected indirectly, chosen by and from among the members of Council at the first meeting following a Municipal Election
- In 2013, Council could then consider whether to re-divide or abolish the wards (this occurs each election to ensure the guiding principles for ward boundaries are met)

### **Results of the Vote**

- Results of the question are binding if at least 50% of the eligible electors vote on the question and of those, more than 50% of the votes are in favour of those results
- If the results are binding and the "Affirmative" receive the majority of the votes, the Township must implement the question
- If the results are binding and the "Negative" received the majority of the votes, the Township cannot implement the question for a period of four years following October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### **An Estimate of Costs, if any, that the Municipality may Incur in Implementing the Results of the Question:**

Costs would be in the form of Staff time and would be minimal  
(ex. preparing the Council Composition by-law and any notices)

### **Appeal of By-Law:**

Any appeal to the Chief Electoral Officer of the Province of Ontario under Section 8(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, on the grounds that the question is either (a) not clear, concise and neutral; or (b) the question is incapable of being answered by "yes" or "no" must be filed with the Clerk of the Township of Lanark Highlands **not later than May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. A notice of appeal must set out the objections and the reasons in support of the objections.

**Dated at the Township of Lanark Highlands this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.**

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