

2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

QUESTION ON THE BALLOT

Method of Election – Vote by Mail

Voting by mail is an easy and convenient way to vote – the ballot is delivered right to your mailbox.

You can vote when it fits your schedule; voter turnout is not affected by bad weather; you do not need to worry about line ups, finding a parking space, a babysitter or transportation to the voting place.

Look for your ballot in the mailbox beginning October 1st.

Question on the Ballot

For the 2010 Election, you will be voting for those offices listed to the right of this page under “Offices to be Elected”. You will also be voting on a question that has been asked by the Township Council.

The “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 qualified voters to choose their Deputy Mayor at the next Municipal Election

Consequences of the Question if it is Rejected:

- the Deputy Mayor would continue to be chosen by and from among the members of Council at their first meeting following a Municipal Election



The Corporation of
THE TOWNSHIP OF LANARK HIGHLANDS

Election Day
October 25th, 2010

Offices to be Elected

- **Mayor**
(one is elected by all electors of the municipality)
- **Councillors**
(six to be elected by wards – one from each ward)
- **District School Board (English)**
(one to be elected)
- **District Separate School Board**
(one to be elected)
- **French Language District School Board**
(one to be elected)
- **French Language District Separate School Board**
(one to be elected)

to vote for the school boards, you must be an elector of that board

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" (Yes votes) received the majority of the votes, the Township must implement the question. Meaning that in the next election the Deputy Mayor would be elected by General Vote.

If the results are binding and the "Negative" (No votes) received the majority of the votes, the Township cannot implement the question for a period of four years following October 25th, 2010. Meaning that in the 2014 election, the Council would choose the Deputy Mayor.

Other Local Municipalities

Beckwith	General Vote
Carleton Place	General Vote
Drummond/N. Elmsley	Indirect – Other
Mississippi Mills	N/A
Montague	General Vote
Perth	General Vote
Tay Valley	General Vote

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor for the Township of Lanark Highlands are elected to County Council via their respective positions. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor serve as liaisons between the upper tier (County) and local tier (Township) "wearing two hats" and communicating the concerns of each level of municipal government to the other. They are responsible for a \$72 million dollar budget at the County level.

The Deputy Mayor, in the absence of the Mayor, also steps in as the Head of Council.

Current Process – Indirect Election

The Deputy Mayor for the Township is currently chosen by and from among the members of Council at the first meeting following a municipal election.

Proposed Process – General Vote

This method would give the voters of Lanark Highlands an opportunity to choose their Deputy Mayor, and in essence their representative to County Council.

Other Factors

The salary level, along with the duties of the Deputy Mayor will remain unchanged; no matter which method of election is used to choose the Deputy Mayor.

Vote "Yes" or "No"?

Vote "Yes" if you would like to choose your Deputy Mayor.

Vote "No" if you would like Council to choose your Deputy Mayor.

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