



## TOWNSHIP OF EAST ZORRA-TAVISTOCK

### 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

2018 is a Municipal Election year, with Voting Day on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. To supplement the information available on the Township's website related to the election, here are some important things to know:

#### **IN ORDER TO VOTE, YOU MUST BE AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR:**

You can vote in the municipal election if you meet the following requirements:

- You are a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years old;
- You are a resident of the municipality; or
- You are a non-resident of the municipality, but you or your spouse own or rent property in the municipality; and
- You are not prohibited from voting under any law.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Neither you nor your spouse qualifies as a non-resident elector if you do not personally own or rent the property in the municipality. For example, if a property is owned by your business or is set up as a trust, you would not qualify as an elector.

#### **IN ORDER TO VOTE, YOU MUST BE ON THE VOTER'S LIST:**

Between March and August 2018, electors had the opportunity to confirm or update their voting information at [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca).

If you did not visit [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca), the Township has added a "Voter's List Lookup" request form to the Township website to allow eligible electors to check if they are on the Voter's List. Once the information is inputted and sent to the Township, Staff will review and follow up with the requester. Electors without computer access or who would prefer assistance are invited to call or attend at the Voter Help Centre (Township Office) starting mid-September 2018 to look up if they are on the Voter List. Voter Help Centre Hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. If contacting the office by phone, Staff will ask a few questions of the elector in order to determine whether or not the elector is in fact on the list.

**\*\*Please note that the Voter Help Centre will also be open Saturday October 13, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm\*\***

If you are not on the List, you must visit the Voter Help Centre in person (no email or fax information can be accepted) to make any additions, deletions or corrections to the Voter's List. You will need to complete the prescribed forms and provide identification showing proof of your name and qualifying address. While an elector can be added up until the close of voting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT!** Staff at the Voter Help Centre are available to help you get on the Voter's List so that your vote can be cast

**\*\*It is the responsibility of the elector to ensure they are on the Voter's List\*\***

#### **POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED:**

Following the nomination period, the following positions are required to be elected by the Township's residents:

- Mayor (1 position) – May be voted for by all eligible Township electors
- Deputy Mayor (1 position) – May be voted for by all eligible Township electors
- Councillor-Ward 1 (2 positions) – May be voted for only by eligible Ward 1 electors  
(NOTE: Ward 1 is the former village of Tavistock)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The positions of Councillor-Ward 2 (1 position) and Councillor-Ward 3 (2 positions) have been acclaimed (no voting for these positions is required).

In addition, and depending on the designated school support of the eligible elector, the following School Board Trustee positions are also required to be elected:

- 2 Members to Thames Valley District School Board (English Public)
- 1 Member to London District Catholic School Board (English Separate)
- 1 Member to Conseil Scolaire Viamonde (French Public)
- The Member for Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence (French Separate) has been acclaimed.

### **INTERNET AND TELEPHONE VOTING:**

Internet and Telephone voting methods ONLY will be used for the 2018 election. Similar to previous “Vote-By- Mail” elections in the Township, there will be no polling stations for the 2018 election. In addition to being able to vote from home or anywhere else with access to Internet or Telephone, public Internet access is also available at the Tavistock and Innerkip Library branches, during their regular hours of operation.

### **HOW DO I VOTE?**

All electors whose names appear on the Voters List as of early September 2018 will receive a “Voter Instruction Letter” (VIL) in the mail in late September/ early October. The VIL is not junk mail – do not throw it out and keep it in a safe place until you use it! Included in the VIL will be voting instructions, as well as a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) for the voter. Positions available for election are specific to the eligible elector receiving the VIL.

The voting period is between 9:00 am on October 12 and 8:00 pm on October 22, and you can vote at any time during this period. Voters using the Internet method will log on to an election website, enter their PIN and date of birth, then proceed to mark their ballots electronically. Voters using the Telephone method will dial into a toll-free number, enter their PIN, then proceed to follow a touch tone menu to enter their votes.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Opening another person’s mail is illegal. It is also illegal to represent yourself as an eligible elector when you are not and vote, or represent yourself as another person and steal their right to vote. All of these acts carry serious penalties, as defined by law.

### **WHAT TO DO IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A “VOTER INSTRUCTION LETTER” IN THE MAIL:**

If you do not receive a Voter Instruction Letter it means you were not included on the Voters List at the time when the VILs were printed and mailed out. You must attend the Voter Help Centre in person during regular office hours (or until 8:00 pm on Voting Day) to have your name added to the Voters List (as noted above). You will receive your Voter Instruction Letter (including your PIN), which you can take home to be complete or, if required, you may complete the voting process at the Voter Help Centre.

### **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

For further information, please visit the Election are of the Township’s website:

<http://ezt.ca/Township-Office/Council/Elections>

As well, you may contact:

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