

# Resort Village of Mistusinne – Election Memo

To: All Candidates  
From: Yvonne Jess, Returning Officer  
Subject: **August 29, 2020 Municipal Election**  
Date: July 5, 2020

## **Introduction**

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with a guideline as to the key dates and procedures that must happen between now and the election.

## **Candidate's Qualifications**

- on the day of the election is at least 18 years of age;
- at the time he or she submits the nomination paper, is a Canadian citizen and has resided in Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which nomination papers are submitted, AND:
  - (a) in the Resort Village of Mistusinne for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which the he/she submitted the nomination paper (i.e., you LIVE in Mistusinne), OR
  - (b) is the assessed person with respect to property in the Resort Village of Mistusinne for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he/she submitted the nomination paper (i.e., you OWN property in Mistusinne, but this is not your full time residence), OR
  - (c) is the spouse of a person mentioned in (a) or (b) above.

## **Elector's Qualifications**

- Canadian citizen;
- At least 18 years of age AND one of the following:
  - (a) Have lived in the Resort Village of Mistusinne for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election (i.e., LIVE in Mistusinne);
  - (b) Be the assessed person with respect to property in the Resort Village of Mistusinne for at least three consecutive months immediately before election day (i.e., OWN property in Mistusinne);
  - (c) The spouse of a person described in (a) or (b) above.

## **Nomination Papers**

Nominations forms may be picked up at the Resort Village Office, or printed off from our website ([www.mistusinne.com](http://www.mistusinne.com) under "What's New"). Nomination forms can be filed at the Resort Village Office during normal office hours (Fridays from 12 noon – 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.), from Friday, July 3 until Friday, July 24, 2020, and on Saturday, July 25, 2020 between the hours of 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. **(DEADLINE – 2 p.m. July 25th)**. Original copies are the only ones that can be accepted; no email or faxed forms are allowed.

- The nomination form has a front and back portion, and candidates must ensure that the following has been entered:
  - The candidate's name and address must appear on the front of the nomination form together with the office they are running for.
  - Five (5) eligible electors who meet the qualifications noted above must sign the front of the form.
  - The back of the form must show the name of the candidate, as it will appear on the ballot, as well as the office that they are running for.
  - The back of the form must be dated and signed by the candidate in the presence of two (2) witnesses. The witnesses do not have to be electors or residents of the community – they must be of legal age (18 or over).

## **Public Disclosure Statement**

It is now required that each candidate must complete a Public Disclosure Statement and submit it with their nomination papers. Nominations cannot be accepted without a completed Public Disclosure Statement. This form is also available on the website under "What's New" with the nomination form.

### **Nomination Withdrawals**

A candidate may withdraw his or her nomination by filing a written notice with the returning officer or the nomination officer any time during normal office hours after they have filed their nomination, and on Monday, July 27, 2020 by 2 p.m.. If you are withdrawing on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, this will need to be done at the Elbow Village Office, 201 Saskatchewan Street. **(DEADLINE – 2 p.m., Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>; at the Elbow Village Office)**

### **Election Day**

Voting will take place at the Resort Village Office on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. The Resort Village Office will **ONLY** be open for election purposes that day, and only those entitled to be in the polling area will be allowed (see below).

### **Advance Poll**

There will be an advance poll on Friday, August 21, 2020 from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Resort Village Office.

### **Candidate / Agents**

All candidates and their agents may arrive or depart from the advance poll or the election day poll at any time from opening until closing of the polls. Any candidate and no more than two (2) of their agents may be present at any one time. Due to the COVID-19 situation and the requirement for social distancing, space is going to be limited within the Resort Village Office/polling area.

- All candidates and their agents must register with the Deputy Returning Officer and sign a form when attending at the polls.
- Seating will be assigned at the polling place from which to observe the vote
- Candidates or agents shall not:
  - question electors or attempt to influence their voting decision in any way.
  - make their objection directly to the elector if they object to that elector voting – the objection must be made to the Deputy Returning Officer, after the ballot has been presented to the elector.
  - attempt to determine how an elector has voted or will vote, or communicate to anyone how an elector has voted or will vote.
  - canvass or solicit votes in, or within 100 meters of, the polling place
  - At the counting of the ballots, only the candidate or one (1) agent may be present.

### **Post Election Procedures**

- Ballots will be counted, and those elected will be determined on August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Official results will be announced on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The first Council meeting after the election will be called by the Administrator.
- All elected candidates are required to sign an oath prior to assuming their duties.

### **Advertising**

Please ensure each advertisement states who authorized the ad. Keep all campaign materials at least 100 meters from the Resort Village Office (the polling place).

### **Persons Entitled to be in Polling Area**

- Election officials
- Each candidate
- Not more than two authorized agents of a candidate
- Any person acting as an escort of a voter who is blind or otherwise incapacitated
- Elector waiting to cast his ballot

### **Further Information**

If you required further information, please contact me via email at [mistusinne@sasktel.net](mailto:mistusinne@sasktel.net) or leave a message at 306-854-4637.