Mail-In Ballots

The option of registering for a mail-in ballot is another option for anyone not able to make the advance or regular election poll dates, or for those who would prefer to take personal precautions due to the pandemic. With the passing of the new General Election Bylaw, you now have the option of completing the mail-in ballot form in the office, OR in front of any Notary Public or Commissioner for Oaths. The Mail-in Ballot registration form is available at the office, or on our website (www.mistusinne.com under "What's New").

<u>Mail-in Ballot registration deadline is Thursday, July 30, 2020</u> – so get on this now so that you have time to mail in the original documents. Original copies are the only ones that can be accepted; no email or faxed forms are allowed.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: there are two forms that must be completed – the "Voter's Registration Form" and "Declaration of Persons Requesting Mail-in Ballot Declaration" form; both in the same PDF file on the website.

As soon as we receive the ballots, they will be mailed out to you to the mailing address on your voter's registration form. This ballot packet will contain instructions on how to complete and return.

MAIL-IN BALLOT (taken from the General Election Bylaw)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. An application package will consist of:
 - a) a voter's registration form; and
 - b) the Declaration of Person Requesting Mail-in Ballot, Form C, Appendix A of the Regulations.
- 2. The voter's registration form is modified to include areas to record the following information:
 - a) in the voter registration portion, the address to which a mail-in ballot is to be mailed, if different than the regular address of the elector; and
 - b) in the poll book area:
 - the date when the application for a mail-in ballot is accepted;
 - the date when a ballot kit is provided to the elector; and
 - the date when ballot(s) are received by the returning officer;
 - c) any other modifications consistent with Section 26 of *The Interpretation Act*, 1995 deemed necessary or desirable by the returning officer.
- 3. A voter who desires to vote by mail shall apply to the office of the Resort Village of Mistusinne no later than thirty (30) days before Election Day.
- 4. The following persons are authorized to act pursuant to section 18(1)(b) of the Regulations for the purpose of establishing the identity and residence of a person requesting a mail-in ballot:
 - a) the returning officer;
 - b) any person appointed by the returning officer pursuant to section 48 of the Act; and
 - c) a Commissioner for Oaths, or Notary Public
- 5. Upon acceptance of the voter's application for a mail-in ballot, the returning officer shall:
 - a) affix his or her signature to the voter's declaration form; and
 - b) note the date of approval in the appropriate area of the poll book.