

The Middlesex Centre  
Communicator



**MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2010 SPECIAL EDITION**

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*We are pleased to provide information on the upcoming Municipal Election and the Vote by Mail alternate voting method in this special Election edition of the Middlesex Centre Communicator.*

***A Message from the Clerk***

2010 is Municipal Election Year

**For the general public**, the election is a day in October for eligible voters to exercise their democratic right to select their municipal representatives for the upcoming term of office. For the Clerk, as the Returning Officer, and members of the Election Team, we've been prepping since the end of 2009 and our task list goes well into 2011. It's hard to believe that in less than 2 months a new Council will be voted in and we'll be embarking on the next four year term.

**For the October 25, 2010 election**, as in 2006, we are using the Vote By Mail alternative voting method. We have adopted procedures for conducting the election to ensure that the secrecy and integrity of the vote is maintained. Feel free to call the office if you have any questions with respect to the conduct of the election. I can tell you it's an exciting and busy time around the office.

**For candidates**, serving the public as an elected official requires a considerable commitment of time and energy. Candidates are getting ready to embark on a journey that will be both rewarding and, at times, frustrating. There is still time to register as a candidate. The nomination deadline is Friday, September 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm. Candidate information packages are available at the municipal office and we'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**For me**, I'm looking forward to an exciting fall and a busy election schedule leading up to October 25, 2010. I'm hoping for an increase in our voter turnout and interest in municipal government. I ask that when you get your ballot in the mail, please exercise your democratic responsibility to cast a vote. Please give me a call if you'd like to chat about potential candidacy or our vote by mail process.

Stephanie Troyer-Boyd  
Clerk and Returning Officer



**STAY INFORMED AND REMEMBER TO  
VOTE IN THE UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION!  
ELECTION DAY IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010**

## ***Municipal Election 2010 – Vote by Mail***

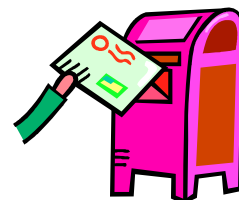
The Municipality of Middlesex Centre will again be voting by mail for the upcoming municipal election. Instead of using traditional polling places, a ballot is mailed to each qualified elector who is on the Voters' List. The ballot is then marked and returned by mail to the Clerk to be counted. Vote-by-Mail eliminates polling stations, advance polls and proxy voting. It transforms every mailbox into a ballot box. The Vote by Mail process removes many obstacles which can keep voters away from the ballot box, such as inclement weather, family commitments, work commitments, health and transportation. Voting is as easy as mailing a letter. Vote-by-Mail kits will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector.

### ***Are you on the Voter's List?***

Since Voter Kits are distributed to eligible electors based on the Voters' List, it is imperative that we have your name, address and eligibility information correct in order for you to receive a Voter Kit which includes your ballot. To ensure you are on the list and that your address information is correct, please take a moment now to check the preliminary Voter's List. You can check this information using the Internet Voter Lookup tool on our website at [www.middlesexcentre.on.ca](http://www.middlesexcentre.on.ca) under the Election 2010 tab. Alternately, you can call the municipal office at (519) 666-0190 or 1-800-220-8968 during business hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

### ***Voting by Mail is easy. Just follows these steps:***

1. Look for your Vote by Mail kit in the mail. These kits will be mailed between September 28 and October 7, 2010. The Vote by Mail kit includes voter instructions, a voter declaration form, your ballot, a secrecy envelope and a yellow return envelope.
2. Read the voter instructions. Sign the Voter Declaration Form and insert it in the yellow Return Envelope.
3. Complete the ballot and insert it into the inner Secrecy Envelope. Seal the inner Secrecy Envelope and insert it into the yellow Return Envelope.
4. Mail the prepaid/preaddressed Return Envelope.



## ***Vote by Mail Key Dates***

September 10	Nomination Day - Last day for those seeking to run for office to file Nomination Papers at the Clerk's office (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m)
September 28 – Oct 7	Voter Kits will be mailed to all eligible voters on the list
October 7*	Last day for eligible voters to have their name added to the voters' list in order to receive a Voting Kit by mail. *You can still have your name added to the list and receive a ballot anytime up until Election Day, October 25 <sup>th</sup> , however you will need to come in to the municipal office to pick up your Voter Kit.
October 16	Last day for voters to mail return ballot (for guaranteed delivery by Election Day)
October 25	Election Day

## ***Want more information?***

For more Election and Vote by Mail information, please visit our website at [www.middlesexcentre.on.ca](http://www.middlesexcentre.on.ca). We will keep you up-to-date on all election related matters. Under the **Election 2010** tab you will find the Internet Voter Lookup tool, a short step-by-step "Vote by Mail" tutorial presentation, the current Nomination Register showing who is running for office in your area, the municipal ward boundaries map and information on the processes and procedures for the current election. On Election Day, we will provide election results as information becomes available.

Any problems? Just call the Municipal Office at (519) 666-0190 or 1-800-220-8968.

## ***See you at the Fair!***

Look for our display at the Ilderton Fall Fair on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> where you can check to see if you are on the Voters' List and watch for our Vote by Mail Mascot in the Parade! See you there!



# *Vote by Mail*

## *Your Questions Answered*






### **Why is the municipality using Vote by Mail?**

With Vote by Mail, voters can fill out their ballots in the privacy of their own home. Casting a vote is as easy as mailing a letter. The Vote by Mail process removes many obstacles which can keep voters away from the ballot box, such as inclement weather, family commitments, work commitments, health and transportation.

### **How can I ensure I am on the voters' list?**

There are several ways to check if you are on the voters' list:

-  Visit our website at [www.middlesexcentre.on.ca](http://www.middlesexcentre.on.ca) and click on the Election 2010 tab. Click on the Internet Voter Lookup tool and then enter your complete name and address, **or**
-  Call the Municipal Office at (519) 666-0190 or 1-800-220-8968 during business hours, **or**
-  Visit our Vote by Mail display at the Ilderton Fall Fair (October 1 – 3) and our staff will assist you.

### **What if I am not on the list?**

Eligible voters whose names are not on the voters' list will not automatically receive a Voter Kit and ballot in the mail. However, they may be added to the list and receive a Voter Kit and ballot by filing an Application to Amend the Voters' List with the Clerk's Department anytime prior to 8:00 p.m. on October 25, 2010.

If you're an eligible voter and your name is not on the list, we're here to help you get your name added.

### **What is the date that I need to get my voters' kit back to you?**

Your voters' kit must be received at the Clerks' Office before 8:00 pm on October 25, 2010. The last day to mail your completed return ballot for guaranteed delivery by Election Day is October 16, 2010. If you prefer, you can hand deliver your completed Voter Kit to the municipal office at 10227 Ilderton Road during regular business hours or place it in the after hours mail slot.

### **Can I still vote in person?**

Yes, you can cast your vote in person by bringing your Vote by Mail kit into the municipal office during office hours at 10227 Ilderton Road in Coldstream. This can be done any time from when you receive your kit until Election Day October 25, 2010 before 8:00 p.m. Be sure to bring the Voter Kit that you received in the mail.





*MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2010*  
NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE  
Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

**Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre that a regular Municipal Election will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010, if a greater number of candidates are certified than are required to fill offices. Nominations for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre will be accepted for the offices of:**

**Municipal Council**

MAYOR	<b>One</b> position to be elected at large
DEPUTY MAYOR	<b>One</b> position to be elected at large
COUNCILLOR	<b>Five</b> positions (One for each of the five wards)

**School Boards**

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD – **Two** members to be elected to represent Middlesex County

LONDON DISTRICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD – **One** member to be elected to represent Middlesex County

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT DU CENTRE-SUD-OUEST – **One** member to be elected to represent the combined geographic area of the Counties of Middlesex, Wellington, Perth and Huron and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT DES ECOLES CATHOLIQUES DU SUD-OUEST – **One** member to be elected to represent the combined geographic area of the Counties of Middlesex and Elgin and the City of London

A nomination form must be signed by the candidate and must be filed in person or by an agent during regular business hours between January 4, 2010 and September 9, 2010 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm (Monday through Friday) and September 10, 2010 between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm (Nomination Day). The deadline to withdraw from nominations is Friday, September 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm.

Nominations may be made by completing and filing, in the office of the Clerk, nominations on the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed filing fee of \$ 200.00 for Mayor and \$ 100.00 for all other candidates. The filing fee must accompany the Nomination Form and is payable by cash, debit, certified cheque or money order.

In the event there are an insufficient number of certified candidates to fill all positions available, nominations will be reopened for the vacant positions only on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm and such additional nominations, if required, may be filed in the office of the Clerk.

Electors are hereby given notice that if a greater number of candidates are certified than are required to fill the said offices, an election will be held and voting will be conducted by the vote by mail alternative voting method.

ELECTION DAY is Monday, October 25, 2010.

Stephanie Troyer-Boyd, Returning Officer

