

## **Municipal Election – Town of Gravenhurst**

***October 27, 2014 is Election Day for the Town of Gravenhurst.***

The voting process for the Town of Gravenhurst will be conducted through a vote-by-mail process and utilize electronic counting devices. There will be no ballot boxes or polling stations in Gravenhurst. Look for an insert with your most recent tax bill about the mail-in voting process.

On voting day, those who have not returned their voter package by mail may process their vote at the Town Office at 3-5 Pineridge Gate up until the close of the election (8:00 p.m.).

### Key Dates:

September 12, 2014:	Nominations Close
September 29, 2014:	Ballot package mail-out to mailing address on tax bill
October 17, 2014:	Ballot to be returned by mail
October 27, 2014:	Election Day

## **Who can vote in the Gravenhurst election?**

A Canadian citizen aged 18 or older, who qualifies to vote in Gravenhurst is as follows:

- *As a resident elector:*
  - Your residence is where you live. If you live in Gravenhurst you are eligible to vote. You are only allowed to have one residence.
- *As a non-resident elector:\**
  - If you live outside of Gravenhurst, but own or rent property in Gravenhurst, you are eligible to vote.
- *As the spouse of a non-resident elector:\**
  - If your spouse qualifies as a non-resident elector in Gravenhurst you can also vote.
- You must be on the voter's list.
  - Click here <http://www.gravenhurst.ca/en/Am-I-on-the-List-.asp> or call 705-687-2230 extension 237, 234 or 23 to confirm or update your voting status.

*\*A non-resident elector is a person who owns or rents property in Gravenhurst. This does not include adult children of non-residents, owner or renter of properties held in trust, or business premises owned by the business and not you personally.*

The offices up for election are:

- Mayor
- Ward 1 Councillor
- Ward 2 Councillor
- Ward 3 Councillor
- Ward 4 Councillor
- Ward 5 Councillor
- District Councillor (3 positions)
- School Board Trustee

If you are a *resident elector* you must vote in the ward where you reside. If you are also the owner or tenant of a property in another ward, you are not permitted to vote in that ward instead.

If you are a *non-resident elector* (you do not reside in Gravenhurst), and you are the owner or tenant of property in more than one ward in Gravenhurst, you must choose which ward you wish to vote in. You should make sure that you are on the voters' list for that qualifying address.

For information regarding ward boundaries click here.

[http://www.gravenhurst.ca/en/yourtownhall/municipalelection.asp#Ward\\_Boundaries](http://www.gravenhurst.ca/en/yourtownhall/municipalelection.asp#Ward_Boundaries)

Water quality, preserving the environment, boat safety and sound land-use policies are all political issues. The decisions made by the Gravenhurst council will determine the taxes you pay, the services you receive, the cleanliness of our water and the quality of the rural Muskoka lifestyle.

**Your vote counts!**