



Voting: Why it's Important!

When you vote in a municipal election, you are voting for Mayor, City Councillors and School Board Trustees. The Mayor and City Councillors make decisions that affect the future direction for the City of Ottawa. They establish the municipal services available in your community and decide how to spend your property tax dollars. The City provides the day-to-day services you count on, like

- Police and other emergency services
- Social Housing
- Public Transportation

It's Your Vote

Most Ottawa citizens have the right to vote. Your vote is SECRET. By law, no one can force you to vote for a particular person.

New this year!

All voters will be required to present proof of identity and residence in order to receive a ballot at their voting location.

You Can Vote if You Are:

A resident of the City of Ottawa, or an owner or tenant of the land in the City, or the partner of such an owner or tenant.

A Canadian citizen.

At least 18 years old.

Not prohibited from voting by law.

Arrangements to vote can be made for those with a disability or those who cannot read, are sick or cannot speak English or French.

On Election Day, **October 25, 2010**, go to the address of the polling station written on your voting card, which will be mailed to you. This is where you vote. Remember to take your card and some form of identification and proof of residence.

How to Choose Who to Vote For:

Decide what is important to you. The men and women who want you to vote for them will have different ideas about how to spend tax money and how to solve problems. Find out which person you agree with most. Here are some ways to do that:

- attend the election meetings at your local community resource/health centre
- listen to radio or TV reports about the election
- read about the election in newspapers
- ask questions if the candidates visit your home
- talk about the election with neighbours and friends

For more information contact:

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MAKE SURE YOU VOTE. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

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