



2018 Municipal Election Bulletin Number 2 Elector Information - Students

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Elector Information - Students

The purpose of this Bulletin is to clarify the voting rules for students living in the City of Kingston. **If you qualify as an elector, you may vote in BOTH your "home" municipality and in the municipality where you reside while attending school.**

Who can Vote?

You may vote in the City of Kingston municipal election if, on Voting Day, you are:

- A Canadian citizen; and
- At least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- An owner or tenant of land in the City of Kingston or the spouse of a resident, owner or tenant of land in the City of Kingston; and
- Not prohibited from voting under any law.

Special Rule for Students

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* includes a special rule for students who may be living away from home while attending school. If you are a student and consider your "home" to be the place where you live when you are not attending school (i.e. you plan on returning there), then you are eligible to vote in the municipal election conducted in both your "home" municipality and in the municipality where you currently live while attending school.

For example, John is a student at a post-secondary institution and is living in Kingston while attending school. His "home town" is Barrie, Ontario and he plans on returning there at the end of the school year. If he is qualified to vote (see above), John may vote in the municipal election in **BOTH** Kingston and Barrie. For the purposes of clarification, John would not be able to cast his ballot for the Barrie municipal election at a physical voting place in Kingston. During the 2014 municipal election there was a misconception on the part of some students that they could cast a ballot for their "home" municipality here in Kingston, which was not the case.

Options for Voting

As a student, you have the following options for voting in either the Kingston municipal election or the municipal election in your "home" municipality. For the voting options in other municipalities, you are encouraged to contact your "home" municipality for further information with respect to Advance Voting Day and internet or telephone voting, if offered. Information about the voting options in Kingston follows:

(a) In-Person Voting

In Kingston, there will be two (2) opportunities for in-person voting as follow:

- Advance Voting Day - Saturday, October 13, 2018; and
- Voting Day, Monday, October 22, 2018.

Further information about the In-Person voting options and voting place locations can be found on the City of Kingston's Elections website (www.cityofkingston.ca/elections/voters).

(b) Internet Voting

In Kingston, internet voting will be available from 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2018 until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2018. However, you must be registered for internet voting no later than 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2018.

Further information about Internet Voting can be found on the City of Kingston's Elections website (www.cityofkingston.ca/elections/voters).

(c) Voting Proxy

As a student and resident of the City of Kingston, if you are unable to vote in the Kingston municipal election you may appoint another eligible elector to vote on your behalf.

Further information about Voting by Proxy can be found on the City of Kingston's Elections website (www.cityofkingston.ca/elections/voters).

Voters' List and Identification

Important!! Your name must be on the Voters' List in order for you to cast a ballot.

You can check to see if you are on the Voters' List at www.voterlookup.ca. After September 1, 2018 you will need to apply to the Election Office to have your name added to the Voters' List or to update your information (e.g. address) on the Voters' List. You will be able to add your name or update information on Advance Voting Day or Voting Day but you will need to complete a form at the voting place which will result in a delay before casting your ballot.

If you are on the Voters' List you will receive a Voter Information Notice with your unique Voter Identification which will enable you to access Internet Voting. If voting in person, you will simply need to show your Voter Information Notice and identification that shows your name and address in order to receive your ballot. A list of acceptable forms of Elector Identification can be found on the City's Elections website (www.cityofkingston.ca/elections/voters).

Further Information

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