

## Election Day - Oct. 27, 2010 \*

### Registration Period

*Mayors and Reeves:* May 1 to September 21, 2010

*Councillors:* June 30 to September 21, 2010

### Nomination Period

September 15 to September 21, 2010

\* July 23, 2010 is election day for Winnipeg Beach, Dunnottar and Victoria Beach. Check with election officials to find out the corresponding registration and nomination period.

## Key Contacts

### Senior Election Official (SEO)

The SEO is the person responsible for running the election in your municipality. He or she can answer any questions you have about the process. You must file your registration and nomination papers with the SEO.

### Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

The CAO of your municipality can provide you with information on campaign expense limits and deadlines for filing statements of contributions and expenses.

**Please note:** Expense limits and deadlines may vary between municipalities.

To contact your SEO or CAO call or drop in at your municipal office.



**For more information on running for municipal council, contact your municipal office, or:**

Manitoba Local Government

Municipal Finance and Advisory Services

Phone: 204-945-2572

Website: [Manitoba.ca/ia](http://Manitoba.ca/ia)

# Municipal Elections 2010



**Time to Get Running**



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## An opportunity to serve your community

Your community is important. If you'd like to have a say in its future, why not take this opportunity and run for municipal council?

Serving on council is a serious responsibility. It is also one of the most fulfilling jobs you'll ever have. As a member of council, you will be giving back to your community. The decisions you make will help chart the future course for your municipality.

On October 27, 2010\*, voters in each municipality will elect individuals to sit on their municipal councils. If you, or someone you know, is interested in taking on that role, now is the time to find out what's involved in becoming a candidate.

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## Becoming a Candidate

To run for election, you must be:

- 18 years of age
- a Canadian citizen
- a Manitoba resident
- a resident or property owner of the municipality in which you are seeking office for at least six months before the election

## Get to know the rules

You've reviewed the criteria and determined you are eligible to run for council. The next step is to familiarize yourself with the legislated rules that ensure elections are conducted fairly and consistently across the province.

**Please note:** New campaign finance rules are in effect for the 2010 election. It is important for all candidates to review the new rules.

Information is available at [http://web5.gov.mb.ca/mfas/mfas\\_elections.aspx](http://web5.gov.mb.ca/mfas/mfas_elections.aspx)

## New for 2010

Changes in the rules for the 2010 election include:

<b>Registration</b>	Candidates must register within a certain time period.
<b>Contributions</b>	When accepting contributions, there are rules concerning who can contribute and how much. These rules are the same for all municipalities.
<b>Expenses</b>	When spending money on your campaign, there are maximum limits set by each municipality. Check with the chief administrative officer (CAO) to determine what the limits are for your municipality.
<b>Keeping Track</b>	You must document any contributions received or campaign expenses incurred; keep receipts.
<b>Reporting</b>	You must file a statement showing your campaign contributions and expenses. This statement is available to the public.

