



2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

MONTAGUE MESSENGER

Elections will be held in the Township of Montague, in October, for the following offices:

Reeve (1 to be elected)

Deputy Reeve (1 to be elected)

Councillor (3 to be elected)

School Board Trustee (1 to be elected to each of the English Public, English Separate, French Public and French Separate School Boards)

Nominations

If you are interested in running for any of the offices listed above, nomination papers are available from the Township's website or the Township office. The deadline for nominations to be submitted is 2:00 p.m. on September 10th.

Election Method

The Township Council has once again elected to use Internet / telephone voting for the 2010 elections. Every eligible voter will be mailed a Voter Information Letter, which will provide a Personal Identification Number (PIN) as well as information on how to vote using a touch-tone phone or any device connected to the Internet. Eligible voters will be able to cast their ballots, anytime time of the day from anywhere with a phone or Internet connection, during the Election Period – 9:00 a.m. October 18th to 8:00 p.m. October 25th. For voters without Internet access, a touch-tone phone or for those who require assistance, a Voter Help Centre will be located at the Township office (6547 Roger Stevens Drive). The Help Centre will be open during the Election Period (October 18th-25th) during regular hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday) and staff will be on hand to provide assistance and answer any questions.

Public Information Session

A public information session will be held in September with representatives from Intelivote, the company providing the telephone and Internet software, and municipal staff on hand to provide information about the election and answer any questions members of the public may have. Details about the date, time and location of the session will be posted on the Township's website when available.

For more information on Internet / telephone voting, please visit www.intelivote.com to view a demonstration of the system.

Eligible Voters

Persons are entitled to vote in a municipal election if they 1) are a Canadian citizen, 2) are at least 18 years old, 3) live in the municipality or are the owner or tenant of land there or are the spouse of the owner or tenant and 4) are not otherwise prohibited by law from voting. To ensure that you receive a Voter Information Letter, please contact the Township Office after September 7th to ensure that you are on the voters' list.

For more information on the election, please visit the Election 2010 page on the Township's website (www.township.montague.on.ca) or contact the Deputy Returning Officer, Katie Valentin, at 613-283-7478 ext. 25 or kvalentin@township.montague.on.ca.

2010 MONTAGUE RURAL RAMBLE

The Montague Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting the 6th annual Montague Rural Ramble, in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada, on August 28th, 2010. The firefighters extend an invitation to you, your family and friends to attend this community festival, which will begin at noon, rain or shine, at the Township Municipal grounds, 6547 Roger Stevens Drive.

This year's event will include a demolition derby, a charity BBQ with refreshments, a beer garden, raffle prizes and lots of activities for children. The day will wrap up with concerts by the Bowes Brothers and Eddy & the Stingrays.

Admission is \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Children under 14 free. Tickets can be purchased at the Township Office or from Montague firefighters. For more information on the festival, e-mail cdbarr@ripnet.com or call 613-283-8266.

2010 TAX BILLING

Tax bills may be paid at most chartered banks, by mail, by telephone/Internet banking or in person at the Township Office, located at 6547 Roger Stevens Drive. Payments can be made in person at the Township Office by cash, Interac or cheque - no credit cards. A drop box is located at the main door for those who cannot make it to the office during regular hours - please do not leave cash.

When paying your tax bill by Internet or telephone banking, you must use an eight-digit portion of your 19-digit roll number located at the top left-hand corner of your tax bill. Please use the following **EXAMPLE** to guide you: 0901 000 (_ _ _ _ _) 0000. All eight digits located in the brackets must be used in order to ensure your account will be properly credited.

SWIMMING POOL FENCING

In 2008, as a result of tragic incidents of children drowning in home pools in eastern Ontario, Council passed a new pool fencing by-law (3010-2008) requiring better fencing around outdoor pools on private property.

Permits must be obtained from the Chief Building Official before a pool may be constructed or installed.

If your pool is capable of holding water in excess of .75m (29 1/2 inches) in depth at any point, please contact the Chief Building Official for a copy of the pool by-law or go to the Township of Montague website at: www.township.montague.on.ca under 'By-laws/Reports'.

The Township's By-law Enforcement Officer will be carrying out inspections to ensure that pools constructed or installed with or without a permit prior to May 7th, 2008, or after May 6th, 2008 with a permit, comply with the by-law.



WATER SAMPLING

The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit encourages property owners to have their water tested three times a year. Sample bottles can be picked up at the Township Office or the Health Unit (25 Johnston Street) during regular business hours.

Please contact the Health Unit for information on how to take a sample and when samples can be dropped off at the Health Unit for testing.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICES

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT

The Township partners with other municipalities in Lanark County for a Household Hazardous Waste Depot. Household hazardous waste includes: paint, batteries, oil, cleaners, aerosol cans, anti-freeze, etc. There is also a paint exchange at the depot. In addition, the depot is now accepting fluorescent tubes (4 ft. max.) and CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs).

The Depot is in Carleton Place and is open Saturdays from June-September, 8 a.m. to noon.

Directions: At the intersection of Hwy 15 and Hwy 7, turn right (going east on Hwy 7). Turn left at the first set of lights – McNeely Avenue. Turn left onto Patterson Crescent and follow the signs from there.

LARGE ITEM DROP-OFF DAY

When: Saturday, October 16th, 2010

Where: Township of Montague Municipal Yard

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Acceptable Items: white metals, furniture, tires, scrap metal, propane tanks, air conditioners, etc.

E-Waste: computers, televisions, printers, computer monitors, keyboards, etc.

Please note: trash tags or equivalent monetary value is required as per By-law 2258-95.

RECYCLING #3 TO #7 PLASTICS



A bin for recycling #3 to #7 plastics is now located at the Montague Township complex at 6547 Roger Stevens Drive and is open during regular office hours.

3 – (PVC) - cooking oil bottles, juice bottles, cling films, PVC piping

#4 – (LDPE) - frozen food bags, flexible container lids, squeezable ketchup and mustard bottles

#5 – (PP) - reusable microwaveable wares, yogurt containers, margarine tubs, disposable cups, plates, & take-away containers

#6 – (PS) - egg cartons, styrofoam containers, packing peanuts

#7 – other plastics, which include: fast food beverage containers, baby bottles, cell phones, CDs, electronics casings, sports water bottles

WASTE COLLECTION

Each residence in Montague is allotted 90 tags, which can be picked up at the Township Office any time during the calendar year. Additional tags may be purchased for \$1 per tag. Waste collection days are ALWAYS Wednesday or Friday. Garbage must be placed roadside by 7 a.m.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Blue box collection takes place the same day as garbage pick-up. On holidays, it will be postponed until the following week. Blue boxes can be purchased at the Township Office at a cost of \$7.

WINTER PARKING AND SNOW REMOVAL

During the period of November 15, 2010 and March 31, 2011, pursuant to Township of Montague By-law No. 2653-02, it is an offence to:



Park any vehicle on any highway or boulevard under the jurisdiction of the Township between midnight and 7:00 a.m.

Park or stand a vehicle in such a manner as to impede the clearing of snow from Township roadways.

Plough or shovel snow from private driveways across or onto Township roadways

PENALTY: Any vehicle parking in contravention of the By-law may be towed away at the owner's expense and the owner shall be liable, upon summary conviction, for a fine.

The Township of Montague is not responsible for damage to mailboxes, newspaper boxes or parked vehicles that interfere with the snow plowing of its roads.

MAILBOX INSTALLATION

Mailboxes installed on Township road allowances are permitted as a courtesy and are the responsibility of the property owner.

Posts for mailboxes should be 42 inches above the ground. The front of the mailbox should be 8 inches from the edge of the shoulder of the road. Posts should be 4x4-inch wood posts or a 2-inch thin-wall steel pipe. Not acceptable are posts larger than 4x4-inches, such as : railroad ties, mailboxes in brick or cemented piers, I-beams, etc.

NATURALIZE YOUR SHORELINE! Help and Money are Available



Are you interested in naturalizing your piece of waterfront through planting? The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's **Shoreline Naturalization Program** provides simple, cost-effective advice and hands-on guidance on how to naturalize your shoreline through planting efforts. The program provides on-site visits by qualified staff, with the know-how to plan, order the plants you need and provide extra muscle for the planting. Waterfront owners, lake associations, river groups and other not-for-profit groups can all take advantage of this program which provides up to 75 per cent funding (to a maximum of \$1,000) for the planning, purchasing and planting of approved projects. To learn more, or to set up a site visit, contact ANDREA at 613-267-5721 ext. 1173 or andrea.klymko@rvca.ca.

Montague Volunteer Fire Department **PIT BAR-B-QUE:** 4:00 p.m. September 11 at Rosedale Hall (658 Rosedale Road). Tickets are \$15.00/person and children under 12 are free.



Beep! Beep! Beep! Smoke Alarms - A Sound You Can Live With. A reminder that smoke detectors on each level of your house is the law.



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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Reeve John MacTavish	613-283-7892
Deputy Reeve Bill Dobson	613-283-5270
Councillor Bonnie Burson	613-283-3496
Councillor Dianne Coates	613-283-5138
Councillor Bill Eckersley	613-284-1976

MUNICIPAL STAFF

Murray Hackett	C.A.O.-Clerk	Ext 21
Jennifer Crane	Accounting/Receptionist	Ext 23
Charlene Audet-Giles	Treasurer	Ext 24
Katie Valentin	Administrative Assistant	Ext 25
Shirley Szulhan	Administrative Assistant	Ext 29
Jim Hunter	Chief Building Official	Ext 27
Laura Lawson	Municipal Law Enforcement	Ext 26
William Nicol	Director of Operations	Ext 28
Ron Haskins	Fire Chief / Water Operator	Ext 30
Jason Rowland	Road Superintendent	Ext 33



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