

Resort Village of Mistusinne – Election Memo

To: Resort Village of Mistusinne Ratepayers
From: Yvonne Jess, Returning Officer
Subject: **August 29, 2020 Municipal Election**
Date: July 6, 2020

Introduction

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with a guideline as to the key dates and procedures for the 2020 municipal election. All things election related will be posted on the Resort Village of Mistusinne website – www.mistusinne.com under “What’s New”.

Important Dates:

Nomination Day (deadline to submit nomination papers) – Saturday, July 25th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Deadline to register for a Mail-In Ballot – Thursday, July 30th (read further on about this process)
Advance Poll – Friday, August 21st from 6 – 9 p.m.
Election Day – Saturday, August 29th with the poll open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Interested in Running for Council?

Municipalities of Saskatchewan is offering a FREE virtual session on July 14, 2020 for anyone interested in learning more about being on municipal council in a Resort Village. Information on this session can be found on the Mistusinne website under “What’s New”.

Candidate’s Qualifications

- on the day of the election is at least 18 years of age;
- at the time he or she submits the nomination paper, is a Canadian citizen and has resided in Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which nomination papers are submitted, AND:
 - (a) in the Resort Village of Mistusinne for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which the he/she submitted the nomination paper, OR
 - (b) is the assessed person with respect to property in the Resort Village of Mistusinne for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he/she submitted the nomination paper, OR
 - (c) is the spouse of a person mentioned in (a) or (b) above.

Nomination Papers

Nominations forms may be picked up at the Resort Village Office, or printed off from our website (www.mistusinne.com under “What’s New”). Please also read the memo that will be with the nomination form, so that you fill out the form correctly, and know the procedures up to and during Election Day. Nomination forms can be filed at the Resort Village Office during normal office hours (Fridays from 12 noon – 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.), from Friday, July 3 until Friday, July 24, 2020, and on Saturday, July 25, 2020 between the hours of 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. (**DEADLINE – 2 p.m. July 25th**). Original copies are the only ones that can be accepted; no email or faxed forms are allowed.

Advance Poll and Election Day – COVID-19

Due to the current situation with the global pandemic, we have been advised to make accommodation for safeguards for election staff and electors. You will be expected to use hand sanitizer (provided) upon entering the Resort Village Office to vote. You may choose to wear a mask to protect yourself and/or those around you, but currently it is not mandatory. Election staff may or may not choose to wear masks and gloves. Due to provincial health protocols around social distancing, the number of people inside the Resort Village Office may be restricted; so be prepared to wait outside the Resort Village Office if there is a line up. Voters will enter through the front door, and exit through the rear door. Voters are encouraged to bring your own pen – to use to sign your voter registration form and mark your ballot (less sanitizing for election officials, which should help speed up voting).

*If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, or shortness of breath; have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days, or are a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19, please self-isolate and refrain from coming to vote.

Mail-In Ballots

The option of registering for a mail-in ballot is another option for anyone not able to make the advance or regular election poll dates, or for those who would prefer to take personal precautions due to the pandemic. With the passing of the new General Election Bylaw, you now have the option of completing the mail-in ballot form in the office, OR in front of any Notary Public or Commissioner for Oaths. The Mail-in Ballot registration form is available at the office, or on our website (www.mistusinne.com under "What's New"). Mail-in Ballot registration deadline is Thursday, July 30, 2020 – so get on this now so that you have time to mail in the original documents. Original copies are the only ones that can be accepted; no email or faxed forms are allowed.

Elector's Qualifications

- Canadian citizen;
- At least 18 years of age AND one of the following:
 - (a) Have lived in the Resort Village of Mistusinne for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election;
 - (b) Be the assessed person with respect to property in the Resort Village of Mistusinne for at least three consecutive months immediately before election day;
 - (c) The spouse of a person described in (a) or (b) above.

Advance Poll

There will be an advance poll on Friday, August 21, 2020 from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Resort Village Office. The Resort Village Office will **ONLY** be open for election purposes during this time.

Election Day

Voting will take place at the Resort Village Office on Saturday, August 29th from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. The Resort Village Office will **ONLY** be open for election purposes that day, and only those entitled to be in the polling area will be allowed. So please do not come to pay taxes during the election.

Further Information

If you required further information, please contact me via email at mistusinne@sasktel.net or leave a message at 306-854-4637.

<p><u>REMINDER</u> – voter ID will be required for ALL voters at the Advance Poll and on Election Day (just like Provincial and Federal Elections), and when registering for a mail-in ballot.</p>
