

PROXY VOTING



The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* sets out the statutory rights of electors to vote by proxy. The statute provides that a person who is entitled to be an elector may appoint another person who is also entitled as his or her voting proxy.

Where an elector may be unable to attend the voting place on regular voting day, in lieu of appointing a proxy, the elector may vote on the day(s) established for an advanced vote (*dates to be determined*).

The requirements of the applicable legislation with regards to proxy voting are to be followed explicitly! To comply:

- The voting proxy must be made on the prescribed form available at the Clerk's office;
- The person appointed the voting proxy must be qualified pursuant to subsection 44(1), (2) or (3);
- The appointment must be made within the specified time period;
- The name of the person appointed voting proxy must be filled in at the time the form is signed by the elector;
- All signatures of the elector and witnesses must be original;
- The person who has been appointed as a voting proxy must complete an application and statutory declaration on the prescribed form and present the application and the appointing document to the Clerk at the Clerk's Office.

A person shall not,

- (a) appoint more than one voting proxy;
- (b) act as a voting proxy for more than one person.

Section (b) above does not apply if the proxy and the other person are spouses, same-sex partners or siblings of each other, parent and child, or grandparent and grandchild.

The appointment does not remain in force after election day.

The application may be presented any time when the Clerk's Office is open and on the day of the Advance Vote the Clerk's Office shall be open for this purpose from noon to 5:00 p.m.

If satisfied, after considering the application, that the person who appointed the voting proxy is entitled to do so and that the person appointed is entitled to act as the other's voting proxy, the Clerk shall apply a certificate in the prescribed form to the appointing document.

Voting Procedures

A person may vote as a voting proxy only if he/she,

- (a) produces to the Deputy Returning Officer the appointing document with the Clerk's certificate; and
- (b) takes the prescribed oath.

A person who votes as a voting proxy is also entitled to vote in his/her own right.

VOTING PROXY FORMS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS AND DURING THE ADVANCE VOTE FROM 12:00 NOON – 5:00 P.M. AT ANY ONE TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:

- **Maximum 1 per elector**
- **Maximum 5 per candidate**