

Resources for Candidates

Women's Municipal Campaign School
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Ontario Candidate's Guide

The Municipal Elections Guide 2010, Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page219.aspx>

Printable pdf covers election finances, candidate eligibility and voter eligibility for councils and school boards, and deadlines.

Municipal Elections Act Updated with December 2009 amendments

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_96m32_e.htm

Education Act Updated with December 2009 amendments

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90e02_e.htm

Guides for Cambridge, Kitchener, and the Township of Wellesley

Local guides for candidates in these three municipalities are available on the election web page of each municipality.

Cambridge <http://www.cambridge.ca/article.php?sid=222>

Kitchener <http://www.kitchener.ca/election/>

Wellesley <http://www.township.wellesley.on.ca/2010%20Election-home.html>

City of Waterloo, Region of Waterloo, Townships of Wilmot, & Woolwich,

Municipal websites have 2010 election web pages with regional and local information, including lists of candidates. The four school boards in the Region of Waterloo and the Township of North Dumfries did not have election pages at the end of January 2010.

City of Waterloo <http://www.waterloo.ca/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=2524>

Wilmot <http://www.wilmot.ca/clerks/2010election/index.htm>

Woolwich http://www.woolwich.ca/en/council/council_election.asp

Region of Waterloo

<http://www.region.waterloo.on.ca/web/region.nsf/DocID/D9AE8005CEE03F9685257109006346F2?OpenDocument>

On-Line Campaign School: Getting to the Gate

Equal Voice is a national multiparty group of volunteers dedicated to getting more women elected at all levels of government. Registration is required for the free of charge online course.

<http://www.gettingtothegate.com/>

The course is an excellent resource for practical tools. Advice on teambuilding, fundraising, communications, and media relations are located in a "How to" section.

Candidate's Guide to Accessible Elections

Guide prepared by AMCTO and Accessibility Directorate of Ontario is available on the Township of Wellesley website, 2010 Election web page:

[http://www.township.wellesley.on.ca/2010 Election-home.html](http://www.township.wellesley.on.ca/2010%20Election-home.html)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Women in Government:

See FCM's *Women in Government* webpage

<http://www.fcm.ca/english/View.asp?mp=1166&x=1168>

A variety of documents, available as pdfs, include the June 2009 *Election Toolkit for Women*, current statistics on women in municipal government in Canada, a 2004 report titled, *Increasing Women's Participation in Municipal Decision Making: Strategies for more Inclusive Canadian Communities*, and a toolkit with the same title.

Municipal World: Canada's Municipal Magazine

Information and magazine subscriptions at

<http://www.municipalworld.com/index.php/Magazine/Index>

Publications include *Candidates and Electors Ontario* (\$24.95) revised for 2010, *How to Campaign for Municipal Elected Office 5th Edition* (\$19.95) by Michael J. Smither and Wilma Bolton, *Run and Win: A Guide to Succeeding in Municipal Elections* (\$29.95) by Brian H Clarke, 2004, and survival guides for newly elected politicians. See list at

<http://www.municipalworld.com/index.php/BookShop/Index>

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

A non-profit organization representing municipal governments of Ontario. The home website has sections on events, conferences, and policy alerts.

<http://www.amo.on.ca>

Information about municipal responsibilities, the municipal act, and elections at the *Your Local Government* web page, including a link to *The Municipal Councillor's Guide*, a 2007 Government of Ontario publication.

<http://www.yourlocalgovernment.com/>

Domain Names

To see if your .ca name domain is available, go to: <http://whois.cira.ca/public>.

The Canadian *Internet Registration Authority* provides information about .ca domains, domain name purchasing, and registrars with varying prices and services.

<http://www.cira.ca/>

Election Signs

See the Region of Waterloo *Election Sign By-law (1999)* by searching on the Region of Waterloo website or look under election information at the City of Kitchener website.

Consult municipal clerks for sign by-laws of individual municipalities and townships.

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