

For Immediate Release

Advanced Polling Stations Open in Cambridge Starting October 2nd

Cambridge, Ontario. September 29, 2010...The first advanced polling station opens this Saturday, October 2nd between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm for citizens to vote.

The 'shop and vote' opportunity takes place at Cambridge Centre, 355 Hespeler Road. On this day, residents are able to place their vote for any ward in the City.

Remember there are new rules for voting requiring ID. "The Province has established specific voter ID requirements for the election and an original or certified or notarial copy of a document showing the person's name, qualifying address and signature is required," says Alex Mitchell, City Clerk.

All voting locations are accessible to persons who are living with a disability. A ballot marking device is only available on the advanced voting days to assist voters who can not negotiate a paper ballot on October 2nd and October 16th at the Cambridge Centre location - Sears Entrance.

By now, you should have received your Voter Notification Card. The cards were sent to each residence the week of September 27th. If you did not receive a card, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (519) 740-4680. Another way to confirm you are on the Voters List is to use the new Internet Voter Lookup feature found on the City of Cambridge website www.cambridge.ca. Once you have looked online and you don't find you are listed, you can be added at the poll or by coming to city hall in advance to complete the form.

The complete list of voting stations and other election details may be found online at www.cambridge.ca/vote2010info.

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About Cambridge

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2010, the population reached over 130,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

About the Corporation of the City of Cambridge

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is a dynamic organization filled with dedicated people who deliver vital municipal services to you. Services that residents, businesses, visitors and people like your family and friends enjoy. We're a comprehensive team of professionals: engineers, financial specialists, skilled trades, administrative experts, customer service, communications - and the list goes on.

We're proud to be part of the systems that bring you the array of services that citizens in Cambridge need:

- Parks and recreation
- Activities and programs like pools, seniors' centres, community centres, arenas and other facilities
- Sports programs and all the needs related to playing fields, like indoor soccer, baseball diamonds and other amenities
- Events
- Farmers' Market
- Cemetery services
- Road programs
- Leaf pick up services
- Winter maintenance services
- Water and sewer services
- Fire, emergency and related services
- By-laws and enforcement
- Tax administration
- Licensing for businesses, lotteries, marriage, dogs, and other services like applications for birth, death and marriage certificates, notarizing or commissioning of documents
- Archival research
- Economic Development and business support programs
- Tourism support to share opportunities to showcase the festivals and help bring visitors in to support retail and other elements of the economy
- Administration of committees, steering groups and advisory groups
- Planning and development services
- Traffic and parking services
- Ensuring the best security, police, transit, garbage, water processing service, utilities, animal control are in place.
- Libraries and galleries
- Centre for the arts
- Accessibility matters
- Council services including things like supporting the up coming needs of our residents for the Oct 2010 municipal elections

It's a multitude of services and we continue to refine and review them to ensure we deliver the services in the most effective, efficient, and proactive ways.

In 2010 we are undergoing a corporate service review. This is a further check and balance system to seeking improvements - like better technologies to simplify processes or realigning how we operate. The comprehensive review is happening this year with a view to providing a report to Council for consideration. The report will be available by year end and will be addressed by the newly elected council for the 2011 budget.

For more information on the area or the corporation visit www.cambridge.ca
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