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Election winds down but City Administrators have months to go to complete the process

Cambridge, Ontario. October 28, 2010...For the Citizens of Cambridge the 2010 municipal election is over, however, staff at City Hall is still in high gear to complete the process.

"Bringing a full blown election to the community is a wonderful testament to the democratic process in our country," says Alex Mitchell, City Clerk and Returning Officer. "But the process isn't expected to wrap up soon."



Sharee Bailie (left) and Pat Stager are city staffers who also took on the role of election assistants. Seen here today unpacking the election poll kits that armed Deputy Returning Officers (DRO) and Managing Deputy Returning Officers (MDRO) with the information they needed at some 66 poll locations throughout the city, the team will now be processing the form 9s filled out at location, along with

collecting up the kit materials to be recycled for the next municipal election in 4 years. In total there were some 270 people working the election this year.

The preparation for election started after the 2006 election concluded and stepped into high gear in early January 2010 with the nomination period where candidates filed their papers (Jan 4th - Sept 10th). Steps to lead up to the election included: campaign period, technology updates for voter look up, nomination day, proxy vote certificate development, certificate of maximum campaign spending limits, and visits to potential poll locations.

"The changes to the legislation, along with our new ward boundaries were also something very important to communicate," says Mitchell. "Accessibility enhancements also meant that some of the traditional polling stations no longer qualified for our polls." The City engaged in a campaign to raise awareness and utilized both traditional and non traditional media channels which included a very successful youth video competition to share updates with citizens. Roll out of new technology was also introduced to assist with the election process.

Other election elements that happen now include: updating the voters' list with form 9 additions, filing of financial statements including notification through form 6 regarding campaign deficits, and year end statements that pertain to election.

The newly elected council for Cambridge will have its inaugural meeting on December 6th and council orientation begins December 2nd with a series of days to offer training and updates to members. New Council includes His Worship, Mayor Doug Craig and the following councillors:

- WARD 1 DONNA REID
- WARD 2 RICK COWSILL
- WARD 3 KARL KIEFER
- WARD 4 BEN TUCCI
- WARD 5 PAM WOLF
- WARD 6 GARY PRICE
- WARD 7 FRANK MONTEIRO
- WARD 8 NICHOLAS ERMETA

"We are very thankful to our community and the people who helped with the election," Mitchell adds. "Now we'll also be reviewing the outcomes with a view to introducing improvements for the next election. Many elements were extremely successful, however, we always strive for continuous improvement."

Election Schedule Details:

Monday, January 4, 2010 to Friday, September 10, 2010	Nomination Period Nominations may be filed by candidates prior to nomination day at any time when the Clerk's office is open (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on September 10, 2010).
Monday, January 4, 2010 to Friday, December 31, 2010	Campaign Period The campaign period begins on January 4, 2010 or whenever a candidate files a nomination paper, whichever is later, and ends on December 31, 2010 unless the candidate withdraws the nomination, the Clerk rejects the nomination or the candidate is continuing his or her campaign to erase a deficit.
At the time a candidate files a nomination	Spending Limit Estimate: Clerk to provide candidates with the maximum campaign expense limit (based upon the number of electors on the list as of nomination day in 2006 election).
Tuesday June 1, 2010	Deadline for providing candidates with a copy of procedures and forms established.
Wednesday, September 1, 2010	Post Voters' List The Clerk shall post the voters' list for revisions.
Tuesday, September 7, 2010 Monday, September 10, 2010	Revision – Application to Remove an Elector's Name An individual may make application to remove an elector's name from the voters' list. The Clerk determines if the name is to be removed.
Friday, September 10, 2010	Nomination Daynomination

By 2:00 p.m.	Nominations may be filed only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Clerk's Office, 2 nd Floor, City Hall. Nominations must be received by Friday September 10, 2010 2:00 p.m.
Friday, September 10, 2010	Withdrawal of Nominations Nominations may be withdrawn in writing before 2:00 p.m.
Monday, September 13, 2010	Certification of Nomination Papers The Clerk is to certify nomination papers before 4:00 p.m.
Monday, September 13, 2010	Acclamation The Clerk shall after 4:00 p.m. declare the eligible candidate(s) to be duly elected.
Friday, September 10, 2010 to Monday, October 25, 2010 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, October 2, 2010 Saturday, October 9, 2010 Wednesday, October 13, 2010 Saturday, October 16, 2010 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.	Proxy Vote Certificates Electors appointed as voting proxies must apply for their proxy voting certificates in the Clerk's office during these times. On each day of an advance vote the Clerk's office must be open from noon to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing proxies.
Wednesday, September 15, 2010	Additional Nominations will be received 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Withdrawal of additional nominations before 2:00 p.m. Issue Proxy Vote Certificates, if Nomination period was extended
Thursday, September 16, 2010	Extended Period Certification of nomination papers before 4:00 p.m. Acclamation(s) after 4:00 p.m.
Monday, September 20, 2010	Certificate of Maximum Campaign Spending Limits to candidates Issue Certificate of Maximum Campaign Spending Limits to candidates. Note: this final campaign spending limit is to be based on the higher of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The number of electors as of nomination day in the 2010 election; or ▪ The number of electors as of nomination day in the 2006 election (the number used to calculate the amount given to candidates at the time they filed their nomination paper)
Monday September 20, 2010	Prepare and distribute Interim Changes to Voters' List
Friday, September 10, 2010 to Thursday, October 28, 2010	Election Signs Election Signs may be erected on Friday, September 10, 2010 (45 days prior to voting day) and must be removed by Thursday, October 28, 2010 (within 3 days – 72 hours after voting day).
Saturday, October 2, 2010 Saturday, October 9, 2010 Wednesday, October 13, 2010 Saturday, October 16, 2010	Advance Voting Days Electors may vote prior to Election Day for any reason.
By Monday, October 25, 2010	Revision Period Eligible electors whose names are not on the voters' list or whose names were shown incorrectly on the list may be added to the voters' list or have the information on the list amended by filing an

	application with the Clerk's office or at the voting place.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010	ELECTION DAY (Voting Day) Voting is held between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Deadline for applications to vote by proxy and for applications to be added to the list Unofficial election results to be released after 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27, 2010	Official Results The Clerk will publicly declare to be elected the candidate having the highest number of votes for the office as soon as possible after voting day.
Wednesday, December 1, 2010	Term of Office Commences The elected member must take the oath of office prior to taking his or her seat.
Friday, December 31, 2010	End of Campaign Period The end of the campaign period.
Friday, December 31, 2010 2:00 p.m.	Notification to the Clerk of a Deficit and Continuation of Campaign Period If a candidate has a deficit on December 31, 2010 and wishes to continue fund-raising to eliminate the deficit, the candidate must notify the Clerk with Notification in writing (Form 6: Notice of Extension of Campaign Period) of Deficit and Continuation of Campaign Period. Failure to do so will mean that the campaign period automatically ends on Friday, December 31, 2010.
Wednesday, February 23, 2011	Notice by Clerk: Of the filing requirements for the financial statements and of the penalties.
Thursday, March 24, 2011	A candidate may, before the last day for filing a financial statement, apply to the Ontario Court of Justice to extend the time to file the financial statement. The court may grant an extension of no more than 90 days.
Friday, March 25, 2011 2:00 p.m.	Deadline for filing financial statements for reporting period ending December 31, 2010. Note: this is a firm deadline – the penalties for non-compliance will apply immediately unless the candidate has applied for a court ordered extension.
Thursday, June 30, 2011	End of supplementary reporting period Note: Bill 212 will only permit <u>one</u> 6-month extension of the campaign period.
Before June 30, 2011	Surplus If a candidate has paid over a surplus to the clerk and subsequently incurs expenses relating to a recount, compliance audit or controverted election, the clerk shall return the surplus to the candidate. The candidate can incur expenses relating to the recount, compliance audit or controverted election. The candidate may fundraise and accept contributions. The candidate must file a financial statement for each 90-day period following the return of the surplus – the financial statement is due by 2:00 p.m., 10 days following the end of the 90-day reporting

	<p>period. This reporting will continue until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the amount of the surplus is reduced to zero; or ▪ any remaining surplus is no longer required for the expenses relating to the recount, compliance audit or controverted election <p>A compliance audit application may be filed within 90 days of the filing date of the final financial statement.</p>
After June 30, 2011	<p>Surplus</p> <p>If a candidate has paid over a surplus to the clerk and subsequently incurs expenses relating to a recount, compliance audit or controverted election, the clerk shall return the surplus to the candidate.</p> <p>The candidate can incur expenses relating to the recount, compliance audit or controverted election, but cannot accept contributions.</p> <p>The candidate must file a financial statement for each 90-day period following the return of the surplus – the financial statement is due by 2:00 p.m., 10 days following the end of the 90-day reporting period. This reporting will continue until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the amount of the surplus is reduced to zero; or ▪ any remaining surplus is no longer required for the expenses relating to the recount, compliance audit or controverted election <p>A compliance audit application may be filed within 90 days of the filing date of the final financial statement.</p>
Monday, August 29, 2011	<p>Notice by Clerk of filing requirements for the supplementary reporting period</p>
Friday, September 30, 2011 2:00 p.m.	<p>Deadline for filing financial statements for the supplementary reporting period ending June 30, 2011</p> <p>Note: this is a firm deadline – the penalties for non-compliance will apply immediately unless the candidate has applied for a court ordered extension.</p>
Wednesday, December 28, 2011	<p>Last day for compliance audit request for June 30, 2011 supplementary reporting period. The clerk must forward the application to the compliance audit committee within 10 days of receiving the application. Within 30 days, the committee must consider the application and decide whether</p>

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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 2007, the population reached over 125,000 people with a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services. Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

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