

Town of Calmar

2021 Municipal Election Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2021

October 18th, 2021 brings us to another round of Municipal Elections across Alberta for the positions of Mayors, Reeves, Aldermen and Councillors for local jurisdictions. In Calmar, residents will elect a Mayor and four Councillors. Nomination forms for Mayor and Councillors are available on the Town's website or at the Town Administration Office located at 4901 – 50th Avenue. All persons wishing to file a Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance form, with the Returning Officer, must also file a Candidate Financial Information form. Any eligible person may file a nomination with the Returning Officer at any time during regular business hours between January 2, 2021 and 12:00 noon on Nomination day, which is four (4) weeks prior to Election day which will be September 20th, 2021. You can pick up the forms at the Administration Office, Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm (closed from 12:30pm – 1:00pm for lunch) or download them from www.calmar.ca/elections/.

A **Public Forum** will be held on Tuesday September 28th, 2021 starting at 6:30pm, at the Calmar Secondary School gymnasium located at 5100 – 49 Street. This will give residents an opportunity to ask questions of the Candidates running for Mayor and Councillor.

Along with electing a Mayor and Councillors, residents will also be voting on Referendum questions. There are currently two announced Referendum questions to be voted on, they are:

- Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?
- Do you want Alberta to adopt a year-round Daylight Savings Time, which is summer hours, eliminating the need to change our clocks twice a year?

For those unable to vote on Election Day, an **Advance Vote** is to take place on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 between the hours of 11:00am and 2:00pm, at Council Chambers located at 4901 – 50 Avenue, using the east entrance.

Election Day will be Monday, October 18th, 2021 and voting is planned to take place between the hours of 10:00am and 8:00pm at the Voting Station located at the Calmar Legion at 4815 – 47 Street, Calmar.

All candidates, whether nominated for Mayor or Councillor, should review Section 147 of the Local Authorities Election Act, and make themselves aware of their responsibilities in regard to reporting campaign financing and expenses whether a candidate is elected or not.

For more information or should you have any questions, please contact Returning Officer Heather Bryans at 780-985-3604 ext. 232 or email hbryans@calmar.ca.