



Rural Municipality of Sherwood No. 159 2016 Rural Municipal Election Councillor – Divisions 1, 3 and 5

The Rural Municipality of Sherwood No. 159 will be holding an Election for Members of Council for odd-numbered divisions. The Election will be held on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016** from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 4400 Campbell Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Advance Poll

The municipality will provide opportunities to vote at an Advance Poll, which will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 4400 Campbell Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Term of Office

The term of office for the newly elected Councillors will hold office for four years commencing at the first meeting of council following the date of the Election.

Nomination Day

The nomination period begins on **September 6, 2016**, with the publishing of the call for nominations. Nominations may be filed any time during normal office hours from the time the call for nominations is posted until the deadline of 4:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, which is **Wednesday, September 21, 2016**. If a further call for nominations is required as a result of insufficient candidates, the second nomination period expires on **October 5, 2016**.

Who can be Nominated?

You are eligible for nomination as a candidate for Municipal Office, if you are:

1. at least 18 years old on Election Day;
2. a Canadian citizen;
3. a Saskatchewan resident for the past six months; and
4. is eligible to vote in the rural municipality.

You require at least two (2) voters to sign your Candidate's Nomination Paper. If you are seeking nomination as a Councillor, the nominators must be eligible to vote in the division you wish to represent.

Your Nomination Paper must be duly completed, signed, and accompanied by the candidate's signed acceptance.



General Duties of Councillors (Section 92 of *The Municipalities Act*)

Councillors have the following duties:

- a. to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality;
- b. to participate in developing and evaluating the policies, services, and programs of the municipality;
- c. to participate in council meetings and council committee meetings and meetings of other bodies to which they are appointed by the council;
- d. to ensure that administrative practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of council;
- e. subject to the bylaws made pursuant to section 81.1, to keep in confidence matters discussed in private or to be discussed in private at a council or council committee meeting until discussed at a meeting held in public;
- f. to maintain the financial integrity of the municipality;
- g. to perform any other duty or function imposed on councillors by this or any other Act or by the council.

Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, you must:

- be at least 18 years old;
- be a Canadian citizen; and
- qualify as one of the following:
 - a) a resident in the rural municipality for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election;
 - b) the registered owner (or purchaser under a bona fide agreement for sale) of land in the rural municipality;
 - c) assessed with respect to land in the rural municipality under a lease, license, permit, or contract in agreement with the registered owner;
 - d) assessed with respect to an improvement in the rural municipality;
 - e) hold a permit in the rural municipality with respect to a trailer or mobile home;
 - f) a spouse of a person mentioned in clause (b), (c), (d), or (e); or
 - g) the chief executive officer of a duly incorporated co-operative, corporation or religious association that is assessed on the last revised assessment roll with respect to property in the rural municipality that is not exempt from taxation.

Councillors are elected only by voters qualifying to vote in that division. Your property tax notice contains information about the division in which you are entitled to vote.