

**Questions from Candidates**  
(Updated on September 25, 2018, 2018)

The following represents a summary of responses  
to questions put forward by candidates in the 2018 elections.

This list will be updated as questions arise and circulated to all candidates.

Questions and Responses Provided on August 8, 2018

- Q:** What have the tax rates been since 2010?
- A:** Tax Rates from 2010 to 2018 inclusive are attached to this Document (5 pages previously attached).
- Q:** As a candidate in the upcoming election, am I permitted to have a booth at the upcoming Sunflower Festival?
- A:** The street and premises on which the Sunflower Festival is held is municipal property. As such, campaigning is not permitted.
- Q:** When can I install campaign signs?
- A:** Election signs must not be displayed sooner than Monday, September 10, 2018 and must be removed by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.

Questions and Responses Provided on August 15, 2018

- Q:** Where will I find reference to campaign signage?
- A:** Page 13 of the April 27, 2018 version of the Election Procedures Document references campaign signage.
- Q:** When will Advance Polls be conducted?
- A:** Preliminary dates have been considered but final dates will not be announced until a revised version of the Election Procedures Document is prepared. The revision is required because of staffing changes which affect the Returning Officer role. The revised Election Procedures Document is expected by the end of August or early September.

Questions and Responses Provided on August 22, 2018

- Q:** Is the September 10<sup>th</sup> date regarding placement of election signs a Sundridge By-law or a Provincial one?

**A:** Timing for erection of election signs is a provision in the Sundridge election procedures as established by the Clerk. It is not part of a local By-law, nor is it a Provincial By-law to the best of our knowledge. The Village of Sundridge does not currently have a general sign By-law.

**Q:** Do election sign by-laws apply to Strong Township candidates putting up their signs or just to Sundridge candidates?

**A:** All candidates, including candidates from other municipalities must adhere to Campaigning provisions as established in the Village of Sundridge 2018 Municipal Election Procedures if campaigning within Village of Sundridge municipal limits. Additionally, candidates must make themselves familiar with provisions in the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996 including but not limited to Sections 88.2 through 88.6 with respect to Election Campaign requirements. A copy of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/96m32>.

**Q:** Can Sundridge election candidates place election signs in Strong Township?

**A:** Candidates are encouraged to contact the Township of Strong to determine the requirements for installation of election signs within Strong Township municipal limits. Should there be a discrepancy or dispute for sign placement outside of the Village of Sundridge municipal limits by Village of Sundridge municipal election candidates, the Clerk for the Village of Sundridge shall exercise her authority pursuant to Page 38 of the Village of Sundridge 2018 Municipal Election Procedures (Personnel – Clerk), and pursuant to Section 12(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, of the Village of Sundridge 2018 Municipal Election Procedures, to resolve the matter.

**Q:** How many Closed Council Meetings were there in each year from 2010 to current date for Council?

**A:** Our meeting procedures changed in mid to late 2016. Current technology requires us to search manually for meeting statistics prior to July, 2016. You are directed to the Village of Sundridge website at [www.sundridge.ca](http://www.sundridge.ca) for meeting minutes, both open and closed, from July 2016 to date.

Pursuant to Page 38 of the Village of Sundridge 2018 Municipal Election Procedures (Personnel – Clerk), and pursuant to Section 12(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, the Clerk has determined that no municipal resources will be utilized to gather public information on behalf of a candidate that is not readily available to access. This excludes requests made under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. You may refer to the Village of Sundridge website for general municipal information at [www.sundridge.ca](http://www.sundridge.ca).

A summary of amendments to The Village of Sundridge 2018 Municipal Election Procedures will be forthcoming within the next week to support this decision.

### Questions and Responses Provided on August 24, 2018

**Q:** When and where will Advance Polls be conducted in Sundridge?

**A:** Advance Polls will be held at the Sundridge Community Centre 110 Main Street, Sundridge, on the following dates:

Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 12, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Questions and Responses Provided on September 11, 2018

**Q:** Revised - When and where will Advance Polls be conducted in Sundridge?

**A:** Advance Polls will be held at the Sundridge Community Centre 110 Main Street, Sundridge, on the following dates:

Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 12, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Questions and Responses Provided on September 14, 2018

**Q.** Can cottagers vote By Proxy?

**A:** Cottagers can vote by Proxy using a "Appointment for Voting Proxy - Form 3". Any qualified elector may use this form to appoint another person who is a qualified elector in the same municipality to vote on their behalf. The appointment of the voting proxy can only be made after the final opportunity for withdrawal of nominations and after all nominations have been certified. Under section 44 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, an elector may act on behalf of one other qualified elector who is not a relative or on behalf of one or more qualified electors who are relatives. In the case where an elector is acting on behalf of a number of qualified electors who are relatives, separate proxy forms are required. A relative means the parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling or spouse of the elector appointed. Even if an elector is eligible to vote in more than one municipality the elector can only vote as a proxy for one non-relative. This form is a public record and the copy on file with the clerk may be inspected by any person.

The elector making the appointment requires to identify themselves and the individual being appointed to vote on the elector's behalf and to attest to their relationship. The name of the elector appointed must be filled in at the time the elector making the appointment signs the statement. It is unlawful to sign this proxy form unless Box B of Form 3 is completed.

Present duplicate copies to the clerk or designate. The elector appointed must present both copies of this form in person to the clerk at the clerk's office, (or other location designated by the clerk) during normal office hours, or during the hours of noon to 5 p.m. on any day of an advance vote. The clerk may require proof of identity of the elector appointed (including citizenship), before certifying the proxy. Take original form to voting place. After certification, the clerk will return the original copy of the form to the elector appointed to be taken to the voting place to receive the proxy ballot. Once at the voting place you will be required to take an oral oath attesting that you are in fact the appointed elector. Once complete you will vote on behalf of the elector whom you were appointed by. You may refer to the Ontario Municipal Affairs website for more information at [www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e06](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e06)

#### Questions and Responses Provided on September 14, 2018

- Q.** Do election signs need "authorized by the John Doe election campaign".
- A:** Candidates' election campaign advertisements means an advertisement in any broadcast, print, electronic or other medium that has the purpose of promoting or supporting the election of a candidate. An election campaign advertisement purchased by or under the direction of a candidate shall identify the candidate. A candidate shall not cause an election campaign advertisement to appear unless he or she provides the following information to the broadcaster or publisher in writing: the name of the candidate and the name, business address and telephone number of the individual who deals with the broadcaster or publisher under the direction of the candidate. No broadcaster or publisher shall cause an election campaign advertisement to appear if the name of the candidate and the name, business address and telephone number of the individual who deals with the broadcaster or publisher under the direction of the candidate has not been provided. You may refer to the Ontario Municipal Affairs website for more information at [www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e06](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e06)

#### Questions and Responses Provided on September 25, 2018

- Q.** Can a candidate withdrawal his or her nomination?
- A:** Under Section 36(a) of the Municipal Election Act, a person may withdraw his or her nomination by filing a written withdrawal in the clerk's office before 2 p.m. on nomination day which was August 2, 2018 for the Village of Sundridge. A candidate may not elect to withdraw his or her nomination after that date.