



# 2010 Election Candidate Package

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**Dear Potential Candidate:**

On behalf of the Village of Strome, we thank you for your interest in our operations. This package has been compiled for you, the potential candidate for the office of Mayor or Councillor with the Village of Strome. I am available during regular work hours if you have any questions that are not answered in this package. Please contact me at (780) 376-3558, 780-384-4123, or by email at [cprendergast@flagstaff.ab.ca](mailto:cprendergast@flagstaff.ab.ca).

Connie Prendergast  
Administrative Clerk

**Do you have time?**

You will be elected for the remainder of a three-year term of office which expires in 2013 and, during that time, you will be required to attend:

- regular meetings of council;
- meetings of other boards and agencies that you have been appointed to as a council representative;
- conferences, conventions, seminars and workshops for training and discussions;
- social and other events promoting your municipality.

You will also need to spend time reading material and talking to residents, the office administrator and others. This will all be part of the necessary preparation for meetings so that you can make informed decisions. Don't forget the time you need for your personal life and work.

**THIS INFORMATION PACKAGE HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT INCLUSIVE OF ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THE SPECIFIC ACTS AND OTHER LEGISLATION.**



## **The Position**

As a member of Council, you will have the opportunity to significantly influence the future of your community. All decisions are made by Council as a whole at Council meetings, or via Committee and/or Board meetings. As an individual member of Council, you will not have the power to commit your municipality (elected authority) to any expenditure or to direct the activities of the employees of the elected authority; all direction of this nature is done via Council motions at regular meetings.

The positions of Mayor and Councillor are “at large” which means that each person elected represents the Village as a whole.

If you wish to have a complete copy of the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA), you may purchase one at:

The Queen’s Printer, Publication Services  
Main Floor Park Plaza, 10611 – 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2Y5

Telephone: (780) 427-4952  
Fax: (780) 452-0668  
[www.qp.alberta.ca](http://www.qp.alberta.ca) (Laws online catalogue)

A copy is available at the Village of Strome Office for viewing. Also, some of the Village of Strome’s bylaws and policies are available for viewing online at [www.villageofstrome.com](http://www.villageofstrome.com).

## **Do you understand the powers of a Municipal Council?**

The Canadian constitution delegates responsibility for municipalities to the provinces and, through a variety of legislation, the Province of Alberta delegates some of its’ authority to municipal Councils.

## **Are you familiar with local legislation?**

Local legislation is in the form of bylaws. Bylaws are voted on by all members of Council. Once they receive third reading, they remain in effect until such time as they are amended or canceled (repealed), so you won’t be starting with a blank slate.

## **Do you understand how the municipality is administered?**

As a member of Council, it is your responsibility to establish policy for your elected authority. It is then the responsibility of administration to implement the policy that Council has established. You will need the support, advice, and assistance of the administration staff if you are to be an effective member of Council. Their training, experience and understanding with respect to how and why things have been developed as they have will be an important resource for you.



### **What other information should you have?**

The best way to find out what the job is all about is to spend some time reading Council agendas and minutes, talking to current members of Council, and by sitting in on a Council meeting and talking to the administrative staff. This will be helpful with your campaign and will assist you in assuming office if elected.

### **Are you eligible to run?**

Sections 21 through 24 of the Local Authorities Election Act cover the eligibility requirements for candidates and conditions for disqualification.

### **To Become Nominated as a Candidate**

You Must Be:

- at least 18 years of age and a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of Strome for the six (6) months immediately before Nomination Day (as of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010);
- have your nomination paper signed by a minimum of five (5) eligible voters who are residents of Strome;
- complete and swear (or affirm) the candidate's acceptance appearing on the nomination paper.

### **Positions Available For Election**

There are two (2) councillor positions and one (1) mayor position available for election in the Village of Strome.

### **Returning Officer**

The Returning Officer for the 2010 Election is Connie Prendergast. The role of the Returning Officer is to ensure that the election runs smoothly and according to election guidelines. The Returning Officer can be reached by calling the village office at (780) 376-3558.



### **Nomination Day**

- Make sure your nomination form (attached) is completed with at least five (5) eligible voters who are residing in Strome. Eligible voters who sign your nomination paper must also be residents of Strome, 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen, and a resident in Alberta for the six (6) months immediately prior to the election (as of April, 2010).
- Submit your completed nomination paper to the Returning Officer on **Nomination Day, Monday, September 20, 2010, at the Village Office between 10 am and 12 noon.** Nominations will **not** be received after 12 noon (*fax or email will not be accepted*).
- The nomination paper cannot be submitted any earlier than 10 am or later than 12 noon on September 20, 2010.
- If you wish to withdraw your nomination, you can do so only within 24 hours of the close of nominations (i.e. before 12 noon on September 21, 2010).
- Your notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Returning Officer.
- If only the minimum nominations are received on Nomination Day, the candidates nominated will be declared elected by acclamation by the Returning Officer after the close of nominations.
- If more than the minimum nominations are received on Nomination Day, an election will be held on Election Day.

### **Election Day**

Election Day (should more than the minimum nominations be received) will be on **Monday, October 18, 2010** from 10 am until 8 pm.

### **Voting Stations**

The voting station will be located in the Village Office.

### **Unofficial Election Results**

Unofficial election results will be available as soon as possible after the voting station closes. The unofficial results will be placed on the Village Office door that evening, however, candidates may call (780)-376-3558 to get unofficial election results on the evening of the election.

### **Official Election Results**

Official results of the election will be posted on the website and placed in the Community Press at 12 noon on the fourth day after Election Day (October 22, 2010).



## Nomination Form

Local Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_, Province of Alberta

We, the undersigned electors of \_\_\_\_\_, nominate  
(Name of Local Jurisdiction)

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidate's Surname) (Candidate's Given Names) (Street Address or Legal Land Description of Candidate's Residence)

as a candidate at the election about to be held for the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office Nominated for)

of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Local Jurisdiction)

Signatures of at least **5 ELECTORS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE** in this election in accordance with sections 27 and 47 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*:

Printed Name of Elector	Street Address or Legal Land Description or Residence of Elector	Signature of Elector

### Candidate's Acceptance

I, the above named candidate, solemnly swear (affirm)

- THAT I am eligible under sections 21 and 47 (and section 12, in the case of summer villages) of the Local Authorities Election Act;
- THAT I am not otherwise disqualified under section 22 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*;
- THAT I will accept the office if elected;
- THAT I have read sections 11, 21, 22, 47, and 151 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, and
- THAT I am appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as my official agent.

(Name, Contact info/Address and Phone Number of Official Agent) (if applicable)



Print name as it should appear on the ballot

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SWORN (AFFIRMED) before me

At the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

In the Province of Alberta

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.



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(Candidate's Signature)

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(Signature of Returning Officer or Commissioner for Oaths)

**It is an offence to sign a False Affidavit or a Form That Contains a False Statement**

**Note:** The personal information that is being collected under the authority of the Local Authorities Election Act will be used for the purposes under that Act. It is protected by the privacy provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.