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1. When are the 2010 municipal elections?

The 2010 municipal elections are being held on Monday, October 25, 2010. You can cast your ballot on voting day between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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2. What is the Voters' List and why is being on the list important?

The voters' list is a list of people who can vote (eligible electors) in the Town of Caledon for the 2010 election. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) prepares a Preliminary List of

Electors. Being on the voters' list ensures that you will receive important election messaging like the Voter Notification Card, which tells you when and where to vote, and will also speed up your time spent at the voting location.

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3. Am I registered to vote?

The Town of Caledon's voters' list is compiled from information that we receive from the Ontario's Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). You may review the Voters' List to ensure your name is on it at Town Hall. The voters' list will be available for you to review at the Town of Caledon Clerk's Office (6311 Old Church Rd) commencing on September 7, 2010.

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4. What will happen when I go to vote?

Once inside the voting place you will be directed to the appropriate election official, who will ask for your identification, locate your name on the voters' list, cross your name off the list, and issue a ballot specific to your declared school support. They will review the instructions on the proper way to mark the ballot and direct you to a voting screen where you will mark your ballot. Once you have marked your ballot, you will take it to the Tabulator Operator and wait until your ballot has been processed through the vote tabulator and is deposited into the ballot box. You will then promptly leave the voting place.

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5. How do I add my name or amend my personal information on the voters' list?

Starting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, you will have an opportunity to add or change your personal information on the voters' list. In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, revisions to the Voters' List can be made between September 7, 2010 – October 25, 2010.

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6. What if my name is not on the Voters' List when I go to vote?

If your name is not on the Voters' List when you go to vote, you must produce identification showing your address, swear an affidavit, and your name will be added to the list.

For a complete list of acceptable identification, please click [here](#)

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7. If my spouse died recently, how do I remove his or her name from the Voters' List?

You must come to the Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 6311 Old Church Rd, between Tuesday, September 7, 2010 and Friday, September 10, 2010 to fill out an Application to remove another person's name from the Voters' List. We will then remove your spouse's name from the Voters' List.

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8. Will there be advanced Voting?

If you will be out of town or if it is more convenient to vote on another day, you will be able to do so on Advanced Voting Days. Advanced Voting Days are:

Friday, October 8, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 13, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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9. When and where is Advanced Voting?

Date	Time	Location	Wards
Friday, October 8, 2010	7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall	All
Saturday, October 9, 2010	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Caledon Central Public School	1

Saturday, October 9, 2010	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Margaret Dunn Library	2
Saturday, October 9, 2010	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Town Hall	3 & 4 (except Poll 405)
Saturday, October 9, 2010	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	ABUCC	5 + Poll 405
Wednesday, October 13, 2010	7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall	All
Saturday, October 16, 2010	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Caledon Central Public School	1
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10. Who can vote in municipal elections?

You can vote in a municipal election (or be an eligible elector) if, on voting day you are:

- a resident of the Town of Caledon, an owner or tenant of land in the Town of Caledon, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant; and
- are a Canadian citizen; and
- are at least 18 years old; and
- are not prohibited from voting by law.

To vote for a School Board Trustee, in addition to the above, you must be:

- an owner or tenant of residential property in the area of jurisdiction of the school board. If you are not sure which board you support, this information can be found on the voters' list.

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11. Who is prohibited from Voting?

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* prohibits the following individuals from voting:

- any person who is not qualified;
- a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution;
- a corporation;
- a person acting as an executor or trustee;
- a person who has been convicted of corrupt practices under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* if voting day in the current election is less than five years after voting day in the election in respect of which he or she was convicted; and
- anyone who is prohibited by law from voting.

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12. What offices will the Town's electors be voting for?

Eligible electors will be able to vote for the offices of Mayor, Area and Regional Councillors as well as School Board Trustees.

- The Mayor is elected at large by all electors
- Councillors are elected by eligible voters of each ward – One Area and One Regional Councillor is elected for each of the Town's wards as follows: Ward 1, Ward 2, Wards 3 & 4 and Ward 5
- School Board Trustees are elected by Board. The board you are entitled to vote for is determined by your school support status, as shown on the voters' list. The school boards that have jurisdiction in the Town of Caledon are:
 - Peel District School Board
 - Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

- Conseil Scolaire de District de Centre-Sud-Ouest
- Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud

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13. Why should I vote?

By voting for a candidate for the office of Mayor as well as Area and Regional Councillors, you are helping set the future direction of the Town of Caledon. The Town provides day-to-day services you count on, from fire and police services, to parks and public libraries. Town Council decides how your property tax dollars are spent and establishes the level and range of municipal services available in your community. Voting for your School Board Trustee is also important. Trustees develop and implement recommendations for educational programs, budgets, facilities and property issues, as well as policies and procedures that govern their Board's operation.

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14. Will I be required to show identification in order to vote?

Yes. All voters will be required to present proof of identity, age and residence in order to obtain a ballot at their voting location. This is a new requirement introduced by the Province of Ontario.

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15. What do I bring with me to Vote?

Identification (I.D)

All voters' are required to show I.D. If a person whose name is on the Voters' List does not have identification or the identification provided is not acceptable, then the voter will be required to complete a declaration of identity form.

Any voter not on the Voters' List must have acceptable I.D., otherwise, they will be unable to vote.

For a complete list of acceptable Identification, please click [here](#)

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16. What are acceptable forms of identification?

New for the 2010 Municipal election, voters will be required to provide proof of identity and residency. A list of acceptable forms of identification are available [here](#).

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17. Who is eligible to vote for Separate School Trustee?

In order to vote for a separate school trustee, the voter must be qualified to vote and be a Roman Catholic (which includes Greek and Ukrainian Catholics). The spouse of a Roman Catholic voter, who is *not* Roman Catholic, *cannot* vote for a separate school trustee, regardless of if their children attend separate school and/or they have directed the school portion of their taxes to the Separate School Board.

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18. If I own more than one property in Caledon, can I vote more than once?

No. You can only vote once for the offices of Mayor, Area and Regional Councillor as well as School Board Trustee. If you live in one ward and have properties in other wards, you may only vote in the ward in which your primary residence is located.

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19. If I own a business in the Town of Caledon am I permitted to vote?

You can vote in a municipal election (or be an eligible elector) if, on voting day you are:

- a resident of the Town of Caledon, an owner or tenant of land in the Town of Caledon, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant; and
- are a Canadian citizen; and
- are at least 18 years old; and
- are not prohibited from voting by law.

A corporation may not vote. If a property is owned or leased to a corporate entity they are not permitted to vote.

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20. Will I be notified of where and when to vote?

Yes. In late September / early October, a Voter Notification Card will be sent to all Caledon households present on the voters' list. These cards will inform residents of when and where they will be able to vote. Voting places may have changed since the last election, so please check this notice carefully.

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21. Can I get a copy of the voters' list?

No. Under Ontario's Municipal Elections Act, the Town can only provide copies of the voters' list to registered candidates, MPs and MPPs. However, you can review the list at the Town of Caledon Clerk's Office.

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22. Can I call to inquire if I am on the Voters' List?

Yes. After September 7th you can call the Town of Caledon Clerk's Office to inquire if you are on the Voters' List, please call 905-584-2272 x4288 or 4168.

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23. Who are the candidates?

You can view the most current [list of candidates](#) for Mayor, Area and Regional Councillor and School Board Trustee on the Town's web site.

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24. What qualifications must a person have in order to register as a candidate?

A candidate for Municipal Office must, upon nomination, be a qualified municipal elector and fulfill all of the following requirements:

- a resident of the Town of Caledon, an owner or tenant of land in the Town of Caledon, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant; and
- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years old;
- not legally prohibited from voting; and
- not disqualified by any legislation from holding municipal office.

A candidate, if nominated, must remain qualified throughout the election, and if elected, throughout the term of office.

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25. Who is not eligible to run for Municipal Election?

The following persons are *disqualified* from being elected to a Municipal Office:

- any person not eligible to vote in the municipality;
- an employee of a municipality unless her or she
 - takes an unpaid leave of absence before being nominated, and
 - resigns, if elected to the office;
- a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, a Senator or Member of the House of Commons; or
- an inmate of a penal or correctional institution under sentence or imprisonment.

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26. How can I get in touch with a candidate, or find out about their election platform?

The list of candidates with their contact numbers is available on the Town's web site. To find out about a candidate's platform, you must contact the candidate directly using the contact information provided on our website.

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27. How do I get information on becoming a candidate?

Click on "Information for Candidates". This portion of the web site will provide you with all of the information you need on becoming a registered candidate for the 2010 Municipal Election.

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28. Where can I get election results?

At the close of Voting Day on October 25, the totals from all voting locations will be sent electronically to a central computer and compiled. These uncertified results will be displayed at the Town of Caledon Town Hall and on the Town's web site.

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29. How can I find out if my ward has changed since the 2006 municipal election?

You can view the [Ward Maps – Elections 2010](#) here.

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30. What special provisions are in place to accommodate voters with special needs?

The Town of Caledon's [Accessible Election Plan](#) is available online.

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31. Are Voting places accessible?

All Advanced Voting locations are accessible and are equipped with accessible voting equipment.

Accessible vote tabulators will be available at all advanced voting locations.

All Election Day Voting locations are accessible and will be equipped with assistive devices. Please be advised that accessible vote equipment will not be available on Election Day.

A friend can assist a voter who is a person with a disability; inquire with the Deputy Returning Officer at the voting place.

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32. If I cannot mark the ballot on my own, can I ask for assistance or bring a friend to help me?

Yes. If you are unable to mark your ballot on your own, you can ask any of the election officials for assistance or you may bring a friend. You must swear an oath that you require assistance, and your friend must swear an oath that they will vote as you instruct them to.

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33. Will an Interpreter be available at the Voting locations?

No. Should an elector require the assistance of an interpreter, the elector must make his or her own arrangements to provide the interpreter. Candidates and scrutineers will not be permitted to serve as an interpreter for an elector.

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34. Can I bring an interpreter with me?

Yes. You may ask anyone who is not a candidate or scrutineer to act as an interpreter for you. They must swear an oath that they will faithfully translate any communication between you and the election officials. Interpreters may not go behind the voting screen or assist you in voting.

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35. Will elections staff be able to assist me?

If an elector requires assistance for any reason other than language, election staff will provide such assistance. Candidates and scrutineers will not be permitted to provide this assistance.

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36. How do I mark the ballot?

The ballot will include a box to the right of each person's name for marking the ballot.

The instructions on the ballot direct the voter to vote by filling in the box to the right of the name of the candidate of their choice.

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37. Can someone else vote on my behalf?

Yes. If you are unable to vote on October 25 or on any of the advance voting days, you can appoint a proxy. A proxy is a person who is an eligible voter in the Town of Caledon and whom you trust to vote on your behalf. To appoint a proxy, you have to fill in an Appointment of Voting Proxy form. You can appoint a voting proxy commencing on September 13, 2010 until Monday, October 25, 2010 during regular business hours. Your proxy must bring the form to the Town Hall, 6311 Old Church Rd during regular business hours, along with proof of his or her identity, and have it certified by Town staff. A proxy can represent multiple family members of his or her immediate family, but only one individual who is not a member of his or her immediate family. For a complete list of immediate family, please see [How many times can I act as a voting proxy?](#)

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38. How do I register as a proxy?

For the purpose of registering as a voting proxy, the Town of Caledon Clerk's Office will be open:

- Weekdays – Monday, September 13, 2010 to Monday, October 25, 2010 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Advance voting days the Town of Caledon, Town Hall, 6311 Old Church rd is required to be open until 5:00 p.m.

A person may vote as a voting proxy only if he or she:

- Submits the appointing document as certified by the Clerk or designate, to the deputy returning officer (DRO); and
- Takes the prescribed oath

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39. How many times can I act as a voting proxy?

You may act as a voting proxy for one non-related person and/or multiple immediately family members. Immediate family members are your spouse or same-sex partner, sibling(s), parent, children, grandparent, and grandchild.

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40. Can my proxy appointee vote on their own behalf as well?

Yes. They must, however, vote at their own voting place if it is different from yours. If you would both vote at the same voting place, then they may vote twice at that location – once for themselves and once acting as your proxy.

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41. How many times can I vote?

A voter is only entitled to vote once in a municipality and once in a school board even if the voter has more than one qualifying property address within the municipality or school board. In a municipality with wards, if a voter resides in one ward but has property in another ward in the same municipality, he or she may only vote in the ward where he or she resides.

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42. I am a student living away from home. Where do I vote?

Students living away from home may vote in the municipality where they attend school and in the municipality where their family resides (their “home”).

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43. Who do I contact about working as an Election Official?

The Town Clerk’s Office will be placing notices in the local newspapers and on the Town’s website seeking interested members of the community that wish to apply for employment as an election official. Election Officials may not be a candidate or the spouse, sibling, parent or child, or grandparent or grandchild of a candidate running in the municipal election. They cannot be scrutineers or working on the election campaign of a candidate.

If you wish to put your name on the list of those interested in working on the municipal election, please contact Leesa Wright at leesa.wright@caledon.ca

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44. What if I am in line when the voting place closes?

If you are inside the voting place or in the line to vote prior to closing time at 8:00 p.m., you will be allowed to vote.

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