

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Serving as an elected official requires commitment and dedication. You will be part of a team that will represent your community and chart a course for the future. Before deciding to run, you might want to attend a council meeting or talk to a municipal council member about their experience. There are a few things to expect if elected:

- **Term of Office**

As a member of council, you will serve a four-year term to 2014. Officially your term begins at noon, October 28, 2010. You must take an oath of office before you can undertake any duties as a member of council.

- **Time Commitment**

As a member of council, you will be required to attend two council meetings and a committee of the whole meeting each month. You will be required to attend special meetings, committee and board meetings, and various public meetings and functions.

- **Duties**

As a council member you will be part of a team that will develop and evaluate policies and programs for the municipality. You will ensure that services are delivered to residents and property owners in the most efficient way possible.

- **Remuneration**

Members of council are generally paid in recognition of the time and energy they devote to their communities. Remuneration is established by By-Law for each municipality. (See By-Law 04-0018 Council Indemnity and By-Law 08-0021 Amendment).

The *Municipal Act* requires the municipality's annual financial statement to show the amount of compensation each council member receives.

- **Conflict of Interest**

All elected officials are subject to long-standing conflict of interest legislation. These rules are to ensure that decisions made by council are free of any outside influence. The legislation also requires an elected official to file a statement disclosing all assets and interests. This statement is available to the public for inspection at the municipal office during regular hours.