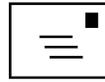


Watch for it in the mail!
Don't throw it out!!!



If you are an eligible elector in the Municipality of Callander, you should receive a Vote by Mail (VBM) kit in the mail during the last week of September or the first week of October 2022.

The kit contains:

- One Ballot 
- One white Secrecy Envelope 
- One page containing voting instructions and declaration form 
- One yellow Return Envelope 

To vote:

- Sign and detach the declaration form. 
- Place the declaration form inside the yellow return envelope 
Do NOT seal the envelope yet. 
- Following the directions in the kit, mark your ballot. 
- Fold the ballot and place it inside the **secrecy** envelope and **seal** it. 
- Put the secrecy envelope inside the yellow return envelope and seal it. 
- Return your ballot by:
 - MAIL or
 - DROP OFF at the Municipal Office or the Museum before Voting Day (see details on the instruction form in your VBM kit), or
 - BRING it with you on Voting Day.

There will be one Voting Place at the Callander Community Centre on October 24, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is intended mostly for the purpose of those who have not received a Vote by Mail kit, who need to be added to the Voters List, or who need assistance with Voting. We encourage electors to vote by mail or drop your return envelope off at one of the secure locations listed in your VBM kit.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What if I would rather vote in person?

You can come in person to vote on Voting Day at the Community Centre. If you are doing so, PLEASE BRING your VBM kit with you. If you do not bring it, you will need to complete a form and make a declaration that you have not already voted, and show acceptable ID before you can be issued a new ballot.

- 2. How do you make sure someone does not vote twice, or vote if they are not eligible?**
Each VBM kit includes a voter declaration form that has the elector's name and unique bar code. The voter must sign the declaration that they are eligible. After the completed kit is returned to the Municipality, the outer envelope is opened, the declaration form checked and the barcode scanned. The secrecy envelope is placed in a ballot box that will not be opened until after the close of vote, but the elector is recorded as having voted. This is done in a formal process to maintain the integrity of the vote – just like an advance poll. More details are available in the Clerk's Procedures (available on the municipal website or from the Municipal Office).
- 3. What if I receive a kit for someone who no longer lives at this address?**
Please return the kit to the Clerk's Office. Do NOT forward it, even if you know the address (unless they are a student*), as they may no longer be eligible to vote if they are no longer a resident, property owner, tenant or spouse. It is against the law to vote if you are not eligible and doing so could mean penalties such as a fine or jail time. *Please note students that are away at school are still eligible to vote IF this is their permanent address they will return to.
- 4. May a person with disabilities have help to vote by mail?**
Certainly. Just like at the Voting Place on Voting Day, persons with disabilities are entitled to assistance if the Elector feels it's desirable or necessary. For example: when voting by mail, electors with disabilities may have someone mark the ballot for them at their direction. If they are unable to sign their name on the Voter Declaration Form they may instead make their mark (such as an "X") in the signature spot and have a witness sign and verify that it is the Elector's mark, and that shall be considered as signed by the Elector. **For further information about voting for persons with disabilities, please contact the Clerk's office.**
- 5. What if I am eligible but not on the Voters' List?**
Before Voting Day you can obtain an *Application to Amend the Voters' List* form from the Municipal Office or the municipal website. You will need to provide ID to be added. Once added, you will be given or mailed a VBM kit. You can also be added to the Voters' List and obtain a ballot at the Voting Place on Voting Day. Please be sure to bring acceptable identification with you.
- 6. What if I am on the list but didn't receive a VBM kit in the mail?**
If you haven't received a VBM kit in the mail by October 7th, please contact the Municipal Office to find out how to get a replacement kit.
- 7. If there are two electors in the household, can we use one return envelope?**
Yes, but you must put each ballot in a separate secrecy envelope and put the same number of secrecy envelopes and signed declaration forms into the yellow return envelope.
- 8. Where can I get more information?**
Please contact the Clerk's Office:
By phone at 705-752-1410, or by email to: clerk@callander.ca
OR visit the municipal website at mycallander.ca/en/local-government/elections.
Thank you.
Elaine Gunnell, Municipal Clerk, and Cindy Pigeau, Deputy Clerk/Acting Treasurer