



MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

ENSURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE VOTERS LIST FOR THE 2006 MUNICIPAL & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Facts About The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and Municipal Enumeration

About the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

MPAC is a not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities. In addition to assessing all property in Ontario, MPAC is required to identify all eligible voters for municipal and school board elections.

MPAC is also responsible for producing a Preliminary List of Electors for municipal and school board elections. Once the Preliminary List of Electors is delivered to the municipalities, it is the responsibility of the Municipal Clerk to update and revise the list.

Enumeration in Ontario

In support of municipal and school board elections, MPAC sends Municipal Enumeration Forms to selected households in Ontario, to ensure it has complete and accurate occupant information.

These forms should be completed and returned to MPAC by June 1, 2006.

MPAC collects the name, birth date, school support information and other related data for every person in Ontario. This information is used to:

- Prepare voter lists;
- Identify potential jurors for the Attorney General;
- Determine population counts for each municipality; and,
- Assist municipalities and school boards in their planning. For example, certain demographic information can help municipalities decide if a senior citizens' centre or a children's park is needed in a particular location. Similarly, school boards need good demographic data to know if a new elementary or high school is needed.

Enumeration and the Census

During May 2006, Statistics Canada is sending Canada Census forms to all households in Ontario. The information collected by Statistics Canada is not provided to local municipalities or school boards for election purposes. MPAC and Statistics Canada do not share information collected from Ontario residents.

Returning the Municipal Enumeration Form will ensure that the correct information is included on the 2006 Preliminary List of Electors sent to all municipalities and school boards.

Elector Eligibility

A person must be 18 years of age and a Canadian Citizen on Election Day – November 13, 2006 - to vote in the municipal and school board elections.

To vote for a Separate School Board Trustee, the law requires a person to be Roman Catholic. To vote for a French language School Board Trustee, a voter must have French language education rights. Unless MPAC is advised otherwise, a resident is assumed to be an English language Public School supporter, which means they can only vote for English Public School Board Trustees.

How MPAC Determines Elector Eligibility

A person is entitled to vote if, on voting day, he or she,

- (a) resides in the local municipality or is the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- (b) is a Canadian citizen; and
- (c) is at least 18 years old.

Eligibility is determined by a person's relationship to property, specifically ownership and / or occupancy. In other words, a person is entitled to one vote in every municipality and school board jurisdiction in which they own or occupy property. This is not the case in a provincial or federal election where, irrespective of the number of properties owned in different municipalities, a person is entitled to only one vote, based on the location of their primary residence.

How can I ensure I am on the Preliminary List of Electors?

You can contact MPAC at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) to confirm that your name and personal information are correctly recorded. If information is missing or incorrect, you can have it amended accordingly. However, school support and mailing address changes can only be done through a signed application to:

MPAC
P.O. Box 9808
Toronto ON
M1S 5T9
or by fax at 1-866-297-6703
or by email at enquiry@mpac.ca

Contact MPAC

For any questions or concerns contact MPAC

Toll-free at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722)

TTY at 1-877-TTY-MPAC

By email at enquiry@mpac.ca

Website at www.mpac.ca

Acquisition of Personal Data

MPAC acquires personal data through a number of sources including Land Registry Offices (as a result of people purchasing property), tenant lists from multi-residential property owners, and Occupancy Questionnaires.

Protection of Personal Data

MPAC collects personal information under the authority of section 15 of the *Assessment Act*. This information is protected under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. MPAC does **not** release personal information except as permitted by provincial legislation governing property assessment and electoral activities.