

Making voting more accessible

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In an effort to increase voter participation in Ontario, **Elections Ontario has added more ways and more days to vote in the 2011 provincial elections.**

More days, more ways.....

SPECIAL BALLOT - There will now be 29 days to vote for the provincial election. From **Sept 8 – Oct 5**, you can vote in person at your local returning office. To vote ahead of Election Day simply download the <u>special ballot form</u> and bring along <u>one piece of identification</u> to your returning office.

ADVANCE POLLS – Advance polls are open for 10 days (from 15 days before Election Day). The dates, times and locations can be found on your Notice of Registration Card. They will also be posted online at the Elections Ontario website and in your local newspapers.

VOTE BY MAIL – You may vote by mail, by sending in your <u>special ballot form</u> by Sept 30. Please note that if you choose to vote by mail, your ballot must be received by Election Day.

ASSISTIVE VOTING TECHNOLOGY – Assistive voting technology will be available in each returning office and satellite office beginning 15 days before Election Day until the **5**th **of October**. Options include the audio tactile interface (ATI), paddles and a sip & puff device. Audio instructions are available for each choice. All Elections Ontario information is available in multiple formats including print, audio file Braille and dxb and brf electronic files.

VOTE AT HOME – If you require assistance filling out your application and are unable to do so in person, you may request a home visit where elections officials will bring your ballot to you.

ON ELECTION DAY – Polls and advance polls are equipped with magnifiers, easy grip pencils and ballot templates with Braille numbering – also if you require help at the poll you may bring a friend or support person, or ask a poll official for help. For sign language interpretation please contact the <u>Canadian</u> <u>Hearing Society Ontario Interpreting Service</u>

To learn more about your options...

Call Toll Free – 1-888-ONT-VOTE (668-8683) Mon-Sat 9 am to 9pm, Sun 12pm-5pm or visit the Elections Ontario website at www.elections.on.ca

Are you registered to vote?

If you have received a Notice of Registration Card in the mail, it confirms that you are on the voters list.

If you don't receive your Notice of Registration Card and are unsure if you are on the voters list you can add you name on Election Day by going to your voting location and showing a proof of name and residence on one identification document or you can visit your local returning office up until 8:00pm on the day before the election to receive a Certificate to Vote. In order to receive the Certificate you will again require a proof of name and residence on one identification document