

## **PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES**

### **Running for Council? Are you ready?**

- ✚ Are you qualified?  
Learn about the requirements for declaring candidacy for elected office including the nomination process, legislative requirements (MGA, and the Local Authorities Elections Act) forms to be filed, and processes to be completed.
- ✚ Do you have the time?  
Learn about the terms of office, the time commitment, the various duties identified by the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the expectations of promoting the community, training, conventions, seminars, and time needed to study as either a rookie candidate or a seasoned veteran.
- ✚ Do you understand the role?  
Learn your responsibility in committees of the whole, council meetings, and in-camera meetings. Learn about the sections of the MGA that pertain to meetings, pecuniary interest, and expectations with regard to municipal administration FOIP and personal conduct.
- ✚ Do you understand a Council's Powers?  
Learn about the powers of the Councillor and the powers of Council as a whole. Learn about the general duties of councillors and the general duties of the chief elected official.
- ✚ Do you understand your responsibility?  
Learn about Council's principal role in municipal organization.
- ✚ Do you understand the local legislation?  
Learn about the purpose and context of Municipal Bylaws. Learn how bylaws are created and how the bylaws can be amended or repealed.
- ✚ Do you understand administration?  
Learn about the establishment and appointment of a chief administrative officer and their responsibilities.
- ✚ Do you understand campaigning?  
Learn about your campaign style and how to match it to your municipality. Learn about your personality style and communication style. Learn some do's and don'ts of door knocking, preparing materials and the rules regarding proper campaigning procedures in the areas of advertising, and the "at the poll" etiquette (secrecy, canvassing at polling places, agents roles).

Seminars will be held in Grande Prairie on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 starting a 6PM at Muskosseepee Park Pavilion, 102 Avenue and 102 Street and this seminar is free to prospective candidates.

If you are interested in registering as space maybe limited please visit [www.elections2010.info](http://www.elections2010.info)