



# Municipal Election Bylaw updated to include use of Special Ballots

**Thursday, July 22, 2021 (Wetaskiwin, AB)** – Special Ballots were added to Wetaskiwin’s now-updated Municipal Election Bylaw 1999-21, which was approved by Wetaskiwin City Council at their regular July 19, 2021 Council meeting.

Eligible voters for the City of Wetaskiwin 2021 Municipal Election can request to vote using a Special (mail-in) Ballot if they are unable to vote at the Advance Vote (October 13, 2021 from 11 am to 8:00 pm) or at a voting station on Election Day (October 18, 2021) because they are:

- physically incapacitated (this includes anyone required to isolate due to COVID-19)
- out of town and unable to physically visit the local poll stations
- An election worker, candidate, official agent or scrutineer located at a voting station other than the one for their designated place of residence

Special Ballot packages—including senate and referendum ballots—will be printed following the release of the official list of election candidates on September 21, 2021. **Applications for Special Ballots for the October 18, 2021 municipal election are to be submitted between October 1 and October 16, 2021—no later than 4:00 pm.** A Special Ballot package can be requested by calling the City of Wetaskiwin Elections Office at (780) 361-4409 or emailing [administration@wetaskiwin.ca](mailto:administration@wetaskiwin.ca). Eligible voters can choose to have their ballot package mailed to them, or they can pick it up at the Elections Office (4705-50 Avenue) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## Quick facts:

- Information about Wetaskiwin’s municipal election can be found at [www.wetaskiwin.ca/election](http://www.wetaskiwin.ca/election).
- All eligible voters must produce one piece of authorized identification that establishes both their name and current residential address. Those voting by Special Ballot, will be required to provide a photocopy of their authorized identification, such as an Alberta Driver’s Licence or Alberta Identification Card when they return their ballot package.
- All completed Special Ballots must be returned to the Elections Office at 4705 50 Avenue in Wetaskiwin by 4:00 p.m. on Election Day, Monday, October 18, 2021 in order to be counted. Special Ballots will not be accepted at Advance Vote or Election Day voting stations.
- The City of Wetaskiwin will be holding an Advance Vote on October 13, 2021 from 11 am until 8 pm at the Memorial Arts Centre, located at 5206 50 Street.
- Voting on election day—Monday, October 18, 2021—will take place from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm at the following locations:
  - Memorial Arts Centre (located at 5206 50 Street, Wetaskiwin)
  - Wetaskiwin Civic Centre / Drill Hall (located at 4519 50 Avenue, Wetaskiwin)



**About the City of Wetaskiwin**

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community, home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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