



2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Council and what does it comprise of?

- Council is the Municipality's decision-making body and is comprised of 1 Mayor, 2 Councilors at large, 2 Councilors for the Tesswater-Culross Ward and 2 Councilors for the Mildmay-Carrick Ward. Council shall elect one of its members as Deputy Mayor for the term of Council.

What is the role of Council? (*Section 224 of the Municipal Act*)

- to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality;
- to develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality;
- to determine which services the municipality provide;
- to ensure that administrative practices and procedures are in place to implement the decision of Council;
- to ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality; including the activities of the senior management of the municipality;
- to maintain the financial integrity of the municipality; and
- to carry out the duties of council under this or any other Act.

What is the role of the Head of Council? (*Section 225 of the Municipal Act*)

- to act as chief executive officer of the municipality;
- to preside over council meetings so that its business can be carried out efficiently and effectively;
- to provide leadership to the council;
 - to provide information and recommendations to the council with respect to the role of council described in clauses 224 (d) and (d.1);
- to represent the municipality at official functions; and
- to carry out the duties of the head of council under this or any other Act.

What are other duties Members of Council may be called to perform?

- Attending municipal functions;
- Community group / ward meetings;
- Committees of council – Mayor to determine

How much does a Member of Council get paid?

- the wages are detailed in by-law #2008-70

What is a school board?

- a School Board operates the Province's publicly funded schools
- there are four types of schools in Ontario:
 - English Language Public School Board
 - English Language Catholic School Board
 - French Language Public School Board
 - French Language Catholic School Board
- the four school boards covering the area of the Municipality of South Bruce are:
 - Bluewater District School Board
 - Bruce-Grey Catholic School Board
 - Conseil Scolaire de District des Ecoles Catholiques du Sud-Ouest - area #1
 - Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest #58 area, defined by the Board as the Counties of Bruce, Grey, Simcoe and Dufferin

What makes up a school board?

- Elected trustees make up a school board. The number of trustees on a board is based on the population in the board's area of jurisdiction.

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- See the *Election Act* for information.