

REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES – 2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

As preparations for the October 2017 municipal election begins, municipalities and prospective municipal candidates are reminded of the requirement for registration of candidates as outlined in section 147.21 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, which came into force on January 1, 2014.

Section 147.21(1) of the *Local Authorities Election Act* states:

“No candidate may accept campaign contributions, including the funds of the candidate, unless the candidate is registered under this Act with the municipality in which the candidate intends to run.”

As candidates may begin campaign activities for their election and potentially receive campaign contributions or contribute money from their own personal funds for the purpose of the election campaign, the **Application for Registration of Notice of Intent to Become a Candidate for Municipal Office** (Form 3A) is available on the Municipal Affairs website - www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/am_laea_election_forms.

Section 147.21(2) requires municipalities to maintain a register of candidates in relation to the election.

When there is any change in the information provided by the candidate, the candidate is responsible for notifying the municipality within 48 hours of the change and the municipality will adjust the register accordingly (section 147.21(3) of the *LAEA*).

For information or questions please call LaRae Ellis, Local Authorities Election Specialist, toll free by dialing 310-000, then 780-638-3056.

