



# Township of Wainfleet

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Wainfleet Election Certification Continues

**Wainfleet, ON** – The certification of voting results in the Township of Wainfleet continues today following the general municipal elections held across Ontario yesterday.

Prior to being able to officially certify the results, active auditing measures are undertaken to ensure the completeness, accuracy and integrity of the voting process, which is overseen by the Office of the Clerk.

According to the Township CAO/Clerk, William Kolasa, the certification process revealed twenty-nine ballots that were submitted by electors prior to the close of voting that were not processed through the vote tabulation process. These ballots still need to be accounted for.

"This is the reason that election night results are not considered official until the certification process has been completed," said Kolasa. "For the results of an election to have meaning, each legally submitted vote must be counted." As a veteran Clerk for over thirty years, Mr. Kolasa said the certification process is the safeguard that ensures that happens.

In order to ensure the continued transparency of this election, the uncounted ballots will be processed in the same manner and using the same procedures as on Voting Day, and all candidates will be able to attend and observe the count. In this way, said Kolasa, the candidates and the residents can have confidence that the final results of their election have been given the highest level of scrutiny and care.

The counting of the ballots will take place this evening at 6:00 pm.

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