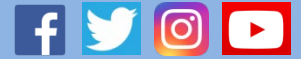


Municipal Election Newsletter



(The Municipal Newsletter is available on-line @ www.redlake.ca)

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

2 Fifth Street, Box 1000
Balmertown, Ontario
P0V 1C0

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 807-735-2096
Fax: 1-866-681-2954

Can I Vote?

On Voting Day (October 26, 2026), you must:

- Be 18 years of age; and
- Be a Canadian citizen; and
- Live, rent or own property in the municipality or be a spouse of an owner or tenant of land in the municipality; and
- Not otherwise be prohibited by law from voting.

All (4) criteria are required in order to vote.

Interested in knowing how Internet and Telephone voting works?

Check out the video tutorial at:

<https://www.redlake.ca/our-government/council/election-2026/vote/>



Am I On The Voters' List?

You must be on the Voters' List in order to receive a **Voter Information Letter**. Don't assume you are on the list – check to be sure!

To find out if you are on the Voters' List, please:

- Visit the Municipal Office at 2 Fifth Street, Balmertown; or
- Call the Municipal Office at 807-735-2096; or
- Email elections@redlake.ca

Voter Information Letters

Voter Information Letters are estimated to arrive in area mailboxes on or before **October 7**. If you have not received your Voter Information Letter, it is because your name is not on the Voters' List, or we do not have your current mailing address on file.

If you have not received a Voter Information Letter, please visit or contact the Municipal Office at 807-735-2096, email elections@redlake.ca, or visit one of our Voter Help Centres during the Voting Period (refer to page 3 for a list of locations, dates and times). Voters **require** a Voter Information Letter in order to vote in the upcoming Municipal Election.

When Can I Vote?

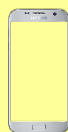
Voting begins at **8:00 a.m. local time on Saturday, October 17, 2026 through to Monday, October 26, 2026 until 8:00 p.m.**

Voters have **10 days** to vote during the Voting Period.



To Vote by Internet

<https://redlake.simplyvoting.com>



To Vote by Phone

1-866-435-8729 (toll-free)



Follow the instructions contained in your Voter Information Letter.

What Do I Need to Vote?

- Internet or telephone access.
- A **Voter Information Letter** will arrive in the mail on or before **October 7, 2026**.

The Voter Information Letter will include the following information:

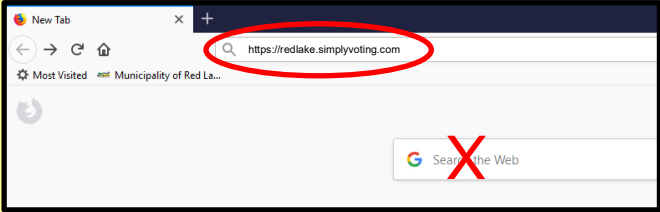
- 9 digit PIN (Personal Identification Number);
- Internet web address;
- 1-866 toll free number to use for telephone voting;
- Voting assistance and other election information.

If you do not receive your Voter Information Letter **by October 13, 2026**, please visit or contact the Municipal Office at 807-735-2096 or elections@redlake.ca.

Out of town or out of country on vacation or a business trip during the voting period? Remember to take your Voter Information Letter (VIL) with you and vote by internet or telephone, anywhere in the world, at any time, day or night.

Public computers and internet are also available at the Red Lake and Balmertown Libraries during regular business hours for voting purposes.

How Easy is it to Vote by Internet or Telephone?

Vote by Internet	Vote by Phone
• Open internet browser (Chrome, Safari, Edge, etc.) • In the address bar (see circle below), type in https://redlake.simplyvoting.com • (press enter)  • Enter your Date of Birth (year, month, day) • Enter your PIN provided in your Voter Information Letter. • Your ballot will be displayed; select your Candidate(s) of choice. • Your selection(s) will be confirmed after you select “continue”. You can then confirm or change your selection. • Upon completion, you will receive a receipt code. Please write it down for your records.	• Dial the 1-866 toll free number provided in your Voter Information Letter. • When prompted, enter your Date of Birth (year, month, day). • When prompted, enter your PIN provided in your Voter Information Letter. • You will then hear the first race (Mayoral) and the associated list of Candidates; followed by the second race (Councillor) and the associated list of Candidates; when prompted, select the Candidate(s) of choice by pressing the corresponding number. • For example: • to select William Smith – Press 1 • to select Nancy Scott – Press 2 • You can repeat the list at anytime. • Your selection will be confirmed at each step and you will be given the opportunity to confirm or change the selection. • Upon completion, you will receive a receipt code. Please write it down for your records.

Voter Help Centres

Voter Help Centres will be available throughout the Voting Period to:

- Answer questions regarding the election;
- Check the Voters' List to ensure voters are registered to vote;
- Issue or replace a Voter Information Letter; and
- Provide assistance with voting, as well as access to voting technology (ie. iPad)

Voters may vote with the assistance of a “support person” at a Voter Help Centre, however, they shall be required to take an oath prior to providing assistance.

The following locations have been designated as Voter Help Centres during the Voting Period:

Location	Date	Hours of Assistance
Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre 51A Highway 105, Red Lake	• Saturday, October 17 • Monday, October 19 • Thursday, October 22 • Friday, October 23	• 1 pm – 4 pm • 9 am – 11 am • 3 pm – 5 pm • 2 pm – 5pm
Municipal Office 2 Fifth Street, Balmertown	• Saturday, October 17 • Sunday, October 18 • Monday - Friday, October 19 -23 • Saturday, October 24 • Sunday, October 25 • Monday, October 26	• 10 am – 2 pm • 10 am – 2 pm • 8:30 am – 4:30 pm • 10 am – 2 pm • 10 am – 2 pm • 8:30 am – 8 pm
George Aiken Manor (tenants only)	Monday, October 19	4 pm – 6 pm
Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre 1 Legion Road, Red Lake	Tuesday, October 20	9 am – 11 am
Legion Villa (tenants only)	Wednesday, October 21	1 pm – 3 pm
Follansbee Apartments (tenants only)	Wednesday, October 21	4 pm – 6 pm
Cochenour Hall	Saturday, October 24	10 am – 12 pm
Red Lake Margaret Cochenour Memorial Hospital and Northwood Lodge (patients/clients only)	Monday, October 26	9 am – 11 am

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I don't have a computer/internet or a telephone. Where can I vote?

Voter Help Centres will be established at locations during the Voting Period as outlined on Page 3 of this Newsletter. Voter assistance and equipment will be available at the noted locations. The Red Lake and Balmertown Libraries also have access to computers with internet.

2. Are there advance polls or proxy voting?

With the election being conducted by internet and telephone voting from October 17, 2026 through to October 26, 2026, there is no requirement for advance polls or proxy voting. Voters can vote anytime, anywhere and anyplace during the Voting Period over the internet from any computer, laptop, tablet, cell phone or by touch-tone phone.

3. What is the deadline to be added to the Voters' List to vote in the 2026 Municipal Election?

The deadline is 8:00 p.m. local time on Monday, October 26, 2026. **DO NOT** wait until the last minute, make sure your name is on the list well in advance.

4. Why did I not receive a Voter Information Letter in the mail?

There could be a number of reasons, for example:

- Your name was not on the Voters' List before the Voter Information Letters were mailed.

Reasons for this might be that:

- You are new to town; or
- You have moved within the municipality since the last Municipal Election in 2022 and your new address has not been updated on the Voters' List.
- Your Voter Information Letter was mailed, but it came back to the Municipal Office as returned mail because we do not have your current mailing address on the Voters' List.

If any of these circumstances apply, please visit or contact the Municipal Office.

5. What if I am out of town for an extended period and will not be able to access my Voter Information Letter from my mailbox? Can I still vote?

Yes, you can still vote. Visit or contact the Municipal Office prior to leaving or while you are away. Arrangements will be made to provide a replacement Voter Information Letter (the PIN on the original Voter Information Letter will be void).

Candidates for Office

Mayor – One (1) to be elected

Warren BADIUK
Fred MOTA

Councillor – Four (4) to be elected

Alana BROWN
Debra GEARY
Janet HAGER
Michele IMRIE
Jamie KRISTOFF
Walter SCARROW
Jason VINET