



BY-ELECTION 2022:

Melbourne Township, October 11th, 2022 - We would like to inform you that there will be a by-election for the councillor seats #4 and #5 in the Township of Melbourne this fall. Over the next few weeks, we will provide more information regarding this by-election.

If more than one person applies for a seat, a **by-election will be held on November 27th, 2022** and an **advance polling day will be held on November 20th, 2022**. Those who wish to apply may do so from **October 14th until October 28th, 2022** with the returning officer, Mrs. Cindy Jones.

You may also contact the returning officer by email at: dg@melbournecanton.ca or by telephone at 819-826-3555.

The nomination papers are available at the municipal office during regular office hours. All nomination papers must be filed at the office with the returning officer on the dates and times indicated on the public notice. More information can be found on the Municipality's website at www.melbournecanton.ca under the heading for municipal by-election.

The returning officer is the best person to answer any questions about this election.

Here is some general information regarding the role of the council:

ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

The majority of the municipalities of Quebec have a council made up of seven elected people. There is a mayoress or a mayor and six councillors. The elected representatives have three main roles to play: representative of the citizens, legislator and administrator.

COUNCILLORS

Besides attending council meetings and representing the interests of the community, the councillor participates in decision making for the municipality. Unless a situation of conflict of interests arises, the councillor is required to vote. Outside of the council meetings, the councillor has no authority to make decisions in the name of the municipality. The councillor may be named to committees and may be called upon to act as pro-mayor.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The council meeting is the moment when the council may make decisions, in the form of resolutions or bylaws. All council meetings, whether regular or extraordinary, are public. The law states that the municipal council has to hold a regular session at least once a month.