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Public Service Announcement



Receive an extra voter card? Here's why and what to do

The City of Welland is aware of some residents receiving voter cards and kits addressed to individuals who no longer live at the mailing address they were delivered.

Anyone receiving an extra ballot for someone who does not reside in their household for the upcoming Ward 3 by-election can return the envelope to City Hall via mail or at the drop boxes located at:

- Drop-Box Civic Square, 60 East Main Street
- Ballot Drop- Box at Welland Community Wellness Complex, 145 Lincoln St
- Ballot Drop- Box at Welland Library Main Branch 50 The Boardwalk
- Ballot Drop- Box at Welland Library Seaway Mall Branch 800 Niagara St.

As per the *Municipal Elections Act*, it is illegal to vote without being entitled to do so or vote more times than the *Act* allows. Electors should only complete the vote by mail kit addressed to them; it is a federal crime to open or destroy mail not intended for you.

The additional voter cards result from a discrepancy in the voter list, which the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation compiles (MPAC) and provides to the City of Welland. However, the records kept by MPAC are not always current, and municipalities cannot check and confirm all elector information.

Residents are encouraged to confirm they are on the voter list before the voter lists/cards/kits get mailed. Establishing you are on the voter's list helps the City ensure that information for its electors is correct.

Voting day for the Ward 3 by-election is on August 9, 2021. More information about the by-election can be found at page <https://www.welland.ca//Elections/index.asp>

Residents with questions about the extra voter cards can contact the City Clerk's staff at 905-735-1700 or by emailing election@welland.ca.