

IMPORTANT REMINDER RE. CLOSE OF POLLS

As per section 51 of the **Municipal Elections Act**, immediately after the close of polls, the returning officer or deputy returning officer shall:

- Place all the cancelled, declined, and unused ballots in an envelope and seal it
- Count the number of voters whose names appear in the poll book and sign the following certificate, which shall be entered in the poll book on the line immediately below the name of the voter who voted last:

"I certify that the number of voters who voted at the election in this polling booth is (stating the number in words) and that A.B. was the last person who voted at this polling booth."

- Immediately after the certificate above has been signed by the returning officer or deputy returning officer, in the presence and in full view of the poll clerk and any candidates or their agents who may be present, shall open the ballot box and count the total number of ballots cast and the number of votes for each candidate, giving full opportunity to those present to examine each ballot.