

Question: I am wondering what, if anything, the township is planning on doing regarding the many individuals who received two opportunities to vote this coming election. This is too large a problem to simply brush aside. Elections are to be fair in this country. Every time.

Why are so many people getting two PINs? Is this Intellivotes or a municipally generated voters list?

What is going to be done? This election could have its results contested in court today and it is not even over. It would be a slam dunk for the lawyers to argue that it isn't fair for some but not all to receive two votes.”

**Answer:**

Staff have reviewed and disabled any duplicate people they found prior to the start of voting at 10 am on October 11<sup>th</sup> and continue to update as necessary. **Staff do not brush aside issues, we take elections very seriously!!!**

There are a few reasons why a person may be on the elector list more than once and may receive more than one PIN. This rare situation might occur if you changed your place of residence and have been enumerated in both locations or you own property and are the registered resident at both locations or you go by 2 different names. You are only permitted to vote once in a municipality, and you should only cast a vote using the PIN associated with your primary place of residence. Notify the Election Official of the additional PIN and they will disable this PIN rendering it unusable for the election.

Please take note that it is illegal for a person to vote more than once in a municipality regardless of how many PINs they receive. Please read page two of voters letter. I have attached a sample copy of it and highlighted the illegal statement that is on every letter. I have also attached a portion of the Elections Act stating the consequences of corrupt practices like voting illegally.

If you know of a person who has received two PINs the **right thing for you to do** is contact the office.

From page 2 of sample voter letter:

• Please note that it is against the law to vote more than once for any elected office within the same municipality or school board jurisdiction.

From Elections Act two sections to note are:

**Voting when not qualified, etc.**

90 Every person who, at an election,

(a) not being qualified to vote, votes; or

(b) being qualified to vote, votes more than once; or

(c) votes in an electoral district or polling division other than the one in which the person is entitled to vote by this Act,

is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000. R.S.O. 1990, c. E.6, s. 90; 1994, c. 27, s. 46 (2).

**Corrupt practice**

97.1 If, when a person is convicted of an offence under section 90, 94, 95, 96, 96.1, 96.2 or 96.3, the presiding judge finds that the offence was committed knowingly, the person is also guilty of a corrupt practice and is liable to one or both of the following:

1. A fine of not more than \$25,000, instead of the fine that would otherwise apply.

2. Imprisonment for a term of not more than two years less a day. 2011, c. 17, s. 4.