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November 14, 2010

The Council and Staff of Tiny Township  
130 Balm Beach Road,  
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Dear Mayor Breckenridge, Members of Council, and CAO/Clerk Doug Luker  
and Staff of Tiny Township:

**Re the Management of the 2010 Municipal Election in Tiny  
Township**

I am writing to you at the direction of the board of directors of FoTTSA primarily to thank you for the many improvements made to the management of this year's municipal election, but also to make a couple of suggestions for the next election.

**The decision to stay with Vote By Mail** was most welcome. In a Township where so many residents have their permanent residences outside the Township, it is especially appropriate.

Scrutineers were impressed with **staff efficiency** throughout the election period. They felt that the sessions where votes were opened were well managed. The decision to have only the CAO/Clerk open the secrecy envelopes to see if a missing declaration form had been enclosed with the vote was a good one. The decision to contact voters who enclosed, but did not sign, the declaration form was also sensible. The computerized tabulation system got results out in an astonishingly short time after the 8 pm deadline for voting.

**We are especially grateful that a number of suggestions we made after the 2006 election were implemented.** These included

- a) greater use of the Township's website

- b) extension of office hours during the election period for one evening and part of one Saturday to make its easier for those unable to reach the office during regular hours to get voter problems resolved
- c) clearer instructions in the Vote-By-Mail packages
- d) sorting ballots by poll
- e) supplying a secure drop box at the Township Offices so that votes could be dropped off during evenings and weekends.

**A couple of changes would make the next election even better,** among them

- 1) **Drawing attention to the availability of the Voters List** in the Township Offices as soon as it arrives in some conspicuous way on the Township website and also on the new LED signs.
- 2) **Improvements to the Internet Voter Lookup service.** The moment it is available it would be helpful if this tool were advertised in an eye catching way. If it were possible for voters not only to check that they are on the list, but to ascertain that the address to which their vote is to be sent is correct, this would save everyone a great deal of time. The sooner Voter Lookup can be made available, the better. This year it didn't appear on the Township website until the end of August, leaving seasonal residents very little time to become aware of its existence, make use of it, and get into the Township Officers to deal with problems.
- 3) **Improvements regarding All Candidates Meetings.** The meeting hosted by the Southern Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce should be held on a weekend, not a weekday. Also, it would be useful if up-to-the-minute information about All Candidates Meetings were included in the Election section. And, most important,
- 4) **Improvements to the Voters' List.** Last time we suggested that a Voter Information Sheet be distributed to every address in the Township, asking occupants to update their information for the Voters List.

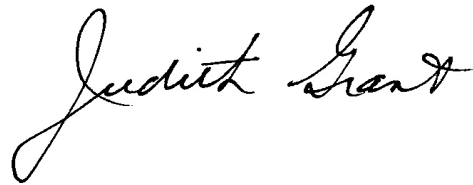
This time we recommend that the Township work with MPAC to improve the preliminary Voters' List by including an enumeration form with the first tax bill of the election year (or the last tax bill of the previous year if more time is needed). If the forms were returned to the Township Office, photocopied and then forwarded to MPAC, the Township would have the necessary information

either to commend MPAC for a job well done or to lodge a vigorous complaint with the relevant authority if it is badly managed.

Such a move would ensure that the spouses, multiple owners, and the like who were omitted from this year's Voters List would be included.

Once again, thank you for managing the election so well. We are grateful for the many improvements.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Grant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end of the name.

Judith Grant  
on behalf of the Directors of  
the Federation of Tiny Township  
Shoreline Associations