

## Letter to all Algonquin Highlands Candidates

The County Voice, the Haliburton Echo/Minden Times, and Canoe FM would like to invite you to take part in an all candidates meeting to take place at the Stanhope Community Centre on Sunday, September 19th, at 1 PM at the Stanhope Community Centre.

The meeting will be hosted jointly by the Haliburton media: moderator for this meeting to be announced shortly. The format we propose is as follows: all candidates will be invited to give a three-minute prepared speech off the top. The order will be: Ward One candidates, Ward Two, etc.; Deputy Reeve candidates; Reeve candidates.

This process should take approximately 45 minutes to an hour. The moderator will then invite questions from the audience. We will reserve the right to restrict questions to individual candidates, or to all candidates running in one specific race, i.e. Ward One: in other words, questions such as "I'd like each candidate in each race to tell us whether or not they support motherhood and apple pie" would not be allowed. At the discretion of the moderator some discussion between candidates will be allowed. Also, journalists from the three hosting organizations will also be allowed to question candidates. This section should run for at least an hour.

Finally, all candidates will be invited to give a summing up statement of no more than three minutes.

We are aware that some candidates will not be able to make this forum due to unavoidable personal obligations. We are prepared to allow these candidates to appoint someone to read opening and closing statements on their behalf, but not to take part in the question and answer session.