

Debate Policies and Rules for Candidates
MIRANET's Mississauga Mayoral Debate

Tuesday, October 5, 2010 @ 7-9 p.m.

Held at: University of Toronto at Mississauga

All Participating Mayoral Candidates must:

1. SIGN the Rogers TV 'Individual Release'. To ensure we have your Release in good order, submit by e-mail as an attachment to rogerstv.mississauga@rci.rogers.com or MIRANET@miranet.ca or FAX to **905-848-2831** by **Monday, October 4, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.** Without a signed copy of the Rogers TV 'Individual Release', the Candidate forfeits participation in the Debate. No conditions or exceptions may be added to the Release; it must be signed "as is".

2. ACCEPT the terms of the 'Debate Policies and Rules for Candidates' in this document (no conditions or exceptions) by **Monday, October 4, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.** or forfeit admittance to the room and participation in the Debate. This document applies only to those Mayoral Candidates who receive it directly from MIRANET. No other Mayoral Candidates will be attending.

Acceptance will be via return e-mail to MIRANET@miranet.ca. The following statement must be sent from the e-mail address which receives this document:

"I accept unconditionally the Debate Policies and Rules for Candidates established by MIRANET for the Mayoral Debate which will be taped by Rogers TV on Tuesday, October 5, 2010."

3. SUPPORTER: Each participating Candidate may bring one (1) campaign supporter to the Debate, who will sit in the audience (comprised of invited UTM students and MIRANET reps and guests). We must have the name of this supporter by **Monday, October 4 @ 5:00 p.m.** (may be e-mailed along with the statement in Section 2, *above*). This Section does not apply if the Candidate decides to observe rather than participate in the Debate per Section 5, *below*.

NOTE: An officially registered Mayoral Candidate who is not participating in the MIRANET Debate may not attend as a supporter for any participating Candidate.

4. CHECK-IN: Be present by **6:30 p.m.** at the Debate venue for check-in on **Tuesday, October 5, 2010**. Anyone not on the check-in list will not be permitted entrance to the Debate room. CANDIDATES' CAMPAIGN LITERATURE MAY BE PLACED ON THE TABLE PROVIDED (copies of one piece only). Turn cell phone ringers OFF when entering the Debate room. Interviews with MEDIA may take place prior to 6:50 p.m. and after 9:00 p.m.

NOTE: Questions for the Candidate mini-debates will be drawn by lot. The speaking order for Candidates to make individual statements (e.g. opening and closing remarks) will also be drawn by lot. The draw for speaking orders will be done at **6:40 p.m.** by each Candidate. Those not present at this time will have their numbers drawn for them.

5. RECORDING DEVICES: Except for the participating Candidates, Panelists or Moderator, any person in the room, including members of the Media or audience, may take photographs or make audio or video recordings of the proceedings, provided there is no physical interference with the Rogers TV technicians who will be taping the program for future broadcast. No flashes or additional lighting may be used; equipment must be operated quietly.

Candidates who wish such recordings or images to be made must entrust this task to the one (1) campaign supporter attending with them who will be in the audience.

NOTE: In the event a participating Candidate does not bring a supporter to the Debate, the Candidate will still not be allowed to operate any recording devices themselves during the Debate. Recording devices cannot be left unattended to operate remotely within the room. Any participating Candidate insisting on operating any recording devices during the Debate will be given a choice: sit in the audience as an observer, or, participate in the Debate without any of their own recording devices operational in the room.

6. TIME: The Moderator will stop any Candidate going over their allotted time or offering silence during their allotted time. Candidates will receive a 15-second warning before time is called. Within the 2-hour timeframe of the Debate program, final decisions regarding how much time is equally allotted to each Candidate depends on how many Candidates actually participate. No time credit will be accrued for unused time by any Candidate throughout the course of the Debate.

7. CIVIL BEHAVIOUR: There is to be no heckling or uttering or any demonstration by Candidates during any other Candidates' presentations, nor during any portion of the Debate program as conducted. This clause also applies to any Candidate who chooses to sit in the audience as an observer per Section 5, *above*.

8. PARTICIPATION: Candidates may only participate in the Debate by speaking. Presentations may not include printed signs, images or recordings, for example. Demonstrations of any kind or uncivil remarks by Candidates in their presentations will not be allowed. The Moderator will also stop any Candidate straying from the topic of debate. Candidates must participate during the entire format of the Debate, or will be deemed to have withdrawn per Section 9, *below*.

9. WITHDRAWAL: Should any Candidate withdraw from the Debate at any time, the Candidate forfeits any further participation in the Debate (i.e. may not return for a closing statement). A Candidate will be deemed by the Moderator to have withdrawn if there is non-participation by the Candidate or any behaviour which constitutes constructive withdrawal.

10. EXPULSION: Deviation from the 'Debate Policies and Rules for Candidates' during the Debate will result in expulsion by the Moderator. All rulings of the Moderator are final.

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