

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting
From: **Corporate Services**
Date: March 26, 2018
Subject: Elections Bylaws First Three Readings
Recommendation: **THAT Council gives the first three readings of the "General Local Government Election Bylaw No. 2042, 2018".**

THAT Council gives the first three readings of the "Automated Voting Machines Authorization Bylaw No. 2043, 2018".

Background

The municipality is legislatively required to have an Election Procedure Bylaw in accordance with the Local Government Act. The use of Automated Voting Machines as well requires a bylaw that authorizes the Chief Election Officer to use such devices to ensure for accurate and fast results at the end of the election day.

The General Election Bylaw requires an update in Local Government Act (LGA) section numbers (due to an update in the LGA in December of 2015) as well as some formatting updates, readability enhancements, and updates requested by our contractor in charge of the elections for 2018.

The Automated Voting Machine Bylaw requires a few minor changes as requested by our contractor in charge of the elections in 2018, as well as some housekeeping and formatting updates.

All non-housekeeping related changes are highlighted in **Yellow**.

Please see below for a proposed timeline for the bylaw adoption process.

Date	Meeting Type	Status
March 12	COTW	Introduction and discussion
March 26	Regular	First 3 readings
April 9	Regular	Final reading and adoption

On March 12th, 2018, the introduction of the two bylaws were presented to the Committee of the Whole for discussion purposes and no proposed changes were directed to staff. The bylaws are now presented to Council for their consideration for first three readings.

Benefits or Impacts

General

It is a legislated requirement to have an Elections Procedure Bylaw.

Strategic Impact



Community Engagement

- Allow for Special Opportunity Voting places as well as efficient automated vote tabulating machines to reduce risk

Policy/Legislation

Local Government Act

Attachments

Proposed Bylaws No. 2042 & 2043

Current Bylaws No. 1999 & 2000

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Options

1. RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the report.
2. RESOLVED THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. RESOLVED THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.