



BYLAW 10-24 – ELECTION PROCEDURES BYLAW AMENDMENT

Purpose

The purpose of Bylaw 10-24 is to amend the Election Procedures Bylaw by setting out the differences in procedures for by-elections.

Readings

This Bylaw is ready for three readings.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

Election Procedures Bylaw 35-20 was drafted late in 2020 to address the procedures to use in alignment with the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)* for the 2021 general election. This current Bylaw focused on amending the election processes set out under the *LAEA* to provide for the use of tabulators.

Amending Bylaw 10-24 should provide scaled back procedures for the holding of by-elections, if required. This is in order to minimize costs and disruption to the operation of Council. By-elections typically will involve the filling of one (1) vacant position that accommodates streamlined election processes.

The proposed amendments to address by-elections include:

- Adding applicable definitions;
- Ensuring discretion regarding voter at home and institutional voting;
- Reducing the by-election voting hours on Election Day to align with those hours prescribed under the *LAEA*.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Responsibly Managed Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrated Environmental Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Local Economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Culture & Community Health
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Excellence		

Public Hearing / Participation Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

Do not amend the current bylaw for by-elections.

CAO Comments

I support the recommendations of Administration. A review of election planning is underway and this enhancement is recommended until the upcoming planned municipal election on the third Monday in October of 2025.

Attachment(s)

1. Draft Bylaw 10-24
2. Bylaw 35-20 Election Procedures Bylaw REDLINED VERSION
3. Bylaw 04-21 Elections Procedures Bylaw Amendment

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