

# Bylaw 40-2024 Election Bylaw

# Background and purpose

- *Local Authorities Election Act* gives Council authority to pass bylaws on specific topics
- Bylaw 60-2020 Election Bylaw passed November 27, 2020
- Bill 20 amendments to the *Local Authorities Election Act*
- Seeking first and second reading today for proposed Bylaw 40-2024
- Third reading after Bill 20 proclamation

# Part II - election officials

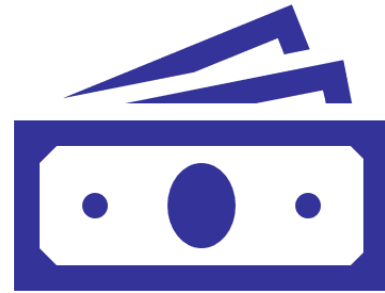


- Appoint as returning officer the Director, Legislative, Legal and Procurement
- Appoint as substitute returning officer the Manager, Legislative Services and Contract Management

# Part II - election officials

- Authorize the returning officer to:
  - Create voting subdivisions
  - Designate voting station locations
  - Alter voting subdivision boundaries as needed
  - Post voting instructions in languages other than English in voting stations
  - Set up voting stations at seniors' facilities
  - Establish the locations for receipt of nominations
  - Begin counting the special ballots, advance vote ballots, and institutional ballots at 7:30 p.m. on Election Day
  - Enter into agreements with the school boards to conduct their elections on their behalf
  - Delegate any of their powers, duties, or functions

# Part III – election preparation



Require that nominations be accompanied with a \$100 deposit



Provide that if a candidate dies prior to the opening of the voting stations on election day, the election will be discontinued and a by-election will be held

# Part IV – election administration

- Set voting hours on election day between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Allow for special ballots and set out the:
  - Methods for submitting an application
  - Time period for applying for a special ballot
    - Must apply between July 1 and 4 p.m. on election day
  - Deadline for receipt of completed special ballot
    - Must be received by 7 p.m. on election day

# Criminal record check - optional

- Three (3) types:
  1. Name-based - \$50
    - Results show whether a person does or does not have a record
    - Does not show specific conviction
    - Person could optionally declare their specific conviction(s)
  2. Vulnerable sector - \$50
    - Meant for those in a position of trust or authority over vulnerable persons
    - Checks for criminal record plus any suspensions (pardons) for sexual offences
    - Checks local, non-conviction police records
  3. Certified - \$84
    - Fingerprints taken and sent to Ottawa for processing
    - Would show what specific convictions are held

# Not included in Bylaw 40-2024

- **We are conducting research and outreach on:**
  - Moving election day to Saturday
  - A blind elector template
- **Not included in this bylaw:**
  - Changing the number of required signatures for a nomination
  - Printing ballots in lots
  - Attending a person's home to facilitate voting for someone who is unable to attend a voting station because of physical disability
  - Determining campaign expense limits



# Questions

