
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 15, 2005
To: City Manager
From: City Clerk
Subject: 2005 General Local Government Elections

Recommendation:

THAT Council forwards the draft 2005 General Local Government Election Bylaw, as attached to the report of the City Clerk dated June 9, 2005, for reading consideration.

Background:

The 2005 general local government elections will be held on November 19, 2002. Council is required pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, to establish certain procedures, by bylaw, for the conduct of the elections.

The attached draft bylaw designates November 9 and 15, 2005, as the dates for Advance Voting Opportunities, to be held at the Parkinson Recreation Centre, and authorizes the Chief Election Officer to establish the locations, dates, and voting hours for Special Voting Opportunities. Special Voting will be held at the Kelowna General Hospital, as well as the Interior Health Authority's extended and intermediate level care facilities within the City, and will give the residents or patients, and staff, of those facilities, who have challenges in getting to the regular voting places, the opportunity to exercise their vote. As a new procedure this year, elections staff will be contacting the larger private rest home and care facilities to offer to them opportunities to pre-arrange curbside voting during the advance voting opportunities at Parkinson Recreation Centre.

The bylaw also establishes that the names of the candidates on the ballot will be in alphabetical order, as opposed to by lot, and that any tie vote (after a judicial recount) that needs to be broken will be so by lot, as opposed to a run-off election.

Finally, the bylaw also provides for the requirement of a refundable \$100.00 nomination deposit from each candidate for the position of Mayor or Councillor (candidates for School Trustee also pay the deposit). The deposits are refunded after the election, when the candidate files his or her Campaign Financial Disclosure Statement.

The deadline for adoption of the election bylaw for all local governments is August 5, 2005.

Allison M. Flack, City Clerk

Attach: Draft 2005 General Local Government Election Bylaw