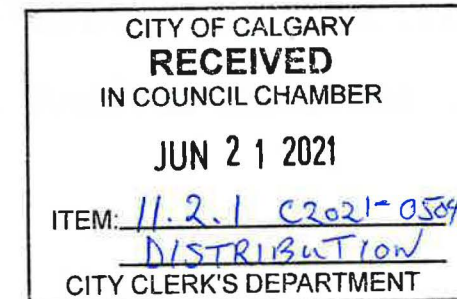




Election-related Bylaw Amendments Report C2021-0504

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Recommendations

That Council:

1. Give three readings to the proposed Bylaw, as set out in Attachment 1, to amend Bylaw 35M2018; and
2. Give three readings to the proposed Bylaw, as set out in Attachment 2, to amend Bylaw 29M2007.

Election Bylaw (Bylaw 35M2018)

- Administrative amendments:
 - Alignment with current legislation.
 - Capture the legal name change: Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School Division.
 - Updated definitions.
- Reflects accountability for the Alberta Senate election and provincially-directed referendum questions.

Election Bylaw (Bylaw 35M2018)

- Captures existing ballot procedures to enhance transparency:
 - Defective (or damaged) ballots,
 - Ballots with marks which are unreadable by the vote tabulator,
 - Blank ballots,
 - Ballots with more marks than permitted in an election, and
 - Ballots with missing deputy returning officer initials.



Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Early voting hours bylaw (Bylaw 29M2007)

- Elections Calgary is accountable for administering the separate school board elections.
- This jurisdiction includes Airdrie, Calgary, Chestermere and Cochrane.
- Bylaw 29M2007 permits early voting hours for separate school voters in Airdrie and Cochrane.
- Proposed amendment permits separate school voters in Chestermere to vote at 8 a.m. on Election Day, consistent with the municipality's voting hours.
- Bylaw amendment is required to be passed by 2021 June 30.