

DEFERRAL REPORT: VOTER TURNOUT IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Administration requests to defer the Voter Turnout in Municipal Elections Report to the 2015 September 28 Regular Meeting of Council to provide additional time to analyze the research and report to Council.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council approve Administration's request to defer the Voter Turnout in Municipal Elections Report to the 2015 September 28 Regular Meeting of Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On March 31, 2014, Council adopted the following Notice of Motion as amended:

"Council direct Administration to provide a report on the most research into increasing voter turnout and return to Council no later than **June 2015** with options and budget implications."

BACKGROUND

The City conducts the elections of the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) in accordance with the Joint Election Agreement under Section 3 of the Local Authorities Election Act.

At the 2015 December 02 meeting of the Calgary Board of Trustees the following was adopted:

"THAT the Board of Trustees makes provision to fill the board member vacancy by holding a by-election; and
THAT the Corporate Secretary communicates with the City of Calgary Returning Officer to request the provision of a by-election as soon as is practicable."

In discussions with the CBE Corporate Secretary, it was determined that the best date for the by-election would be Monday, 2015 April 13.

At the 2014 December 15 Regular Meeting of Council, Council adopted the recommendation that the date for the CBE by-election for combined city wards 11 & 13 be set for Monday, 2015 April 13.

The CBE by-election was held on 2015 April 13. Conducting this CBE by-election required a significant amount of Election and Information Services time which reduced available resources needed to complete the Voter Turnout in Municipal Elections Report. The research for this report is completed but additional time is needed for analysis and preparation of the report for Council.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Administration is analyzing voter turnout research and investigating potential options for Council.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

N/A

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Strategic Alignment

The deferral request will not impact strategic alignment.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

There are no social, environmental or external economic impacts associated with this deferral request.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

Current and future operating budgets are not impacted by the deferral request.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

Current and future capital budgets are not impacted by the deferral request.

Risk Assessment

There are no significant risks associated with the deferral request.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

A deferral has been requested to provide additional time to analyze the research and report to Council.

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A