

Recall Petition Overview

March 14, 2023



Recommendation

That Council direct the City Clerk to request the Mayor to call a Special Meeting of Council in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* for the purpose of receiving a declaration on the sufficiency or insufficiency of a Recall Petition(s).





Recall Petitions

Overview

- Recall petitions are governed by the Municipal Government Act.
- A municipality may not pass a bylaw that modifies the requirements of a recall petition outlined in Part 7.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
- Recall petitions are permitted between April 22, 2023 and December 31, 2024.
- A successful recall petition will recall the Mayor or a Councillor and may result in a by-election.
- Robust recall petition verification procedures and communications plans are in place to build public trust and confidence.



April 22, 2023,

First day notice

of recall petition

can be

submitted

Recall

Petition

Recall Petition Process

Timing: 7 Days

Elections
Calgary
reviews the
notice of recall
petition and if
successful,
publishes it
online



Timing: 60 Days

Representative recall petitioner gathers signatures from eligible voters



Timing: Day 60

Representative recall petitioner submits completed recall petition to Elections Calgary



Timing: 45 Days

Elections
Calgary verifies
recall petition to
determine
sufficiency



Timing: Next Council Meeting

Deputy City
Clerk makes
declaration of
sufficiency or
insufficiency at
the next
Council
meeting



Timing: Council Meeting

By-election required (unless vacancy occurs within 18 months of General Election)



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Important Information

- The threshold required for a successful recall petition is at least 40% of the population of the municipality or ward.
- A notice of recall petition may only be submitted once per Member of Council in a term.
- Members of Council may not submit a notice of recall petition in respect of another Member of Council in the same municipality.
- Personal information contained in a recall petition must not be disclosed to anyone except the City Manager and the City Manager's delegates, and must not be used for any purpose other than validating the petition.
- Elections Calgary will be engaging with various internal partners to build awareness and support readiness.



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