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Recall Petition Verification Process

C2024-0635
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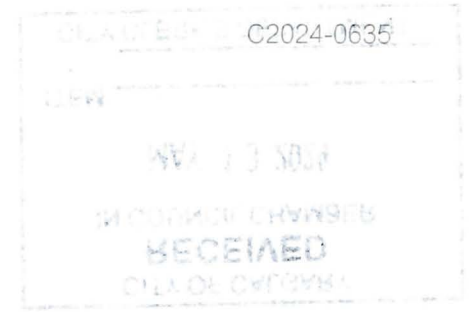
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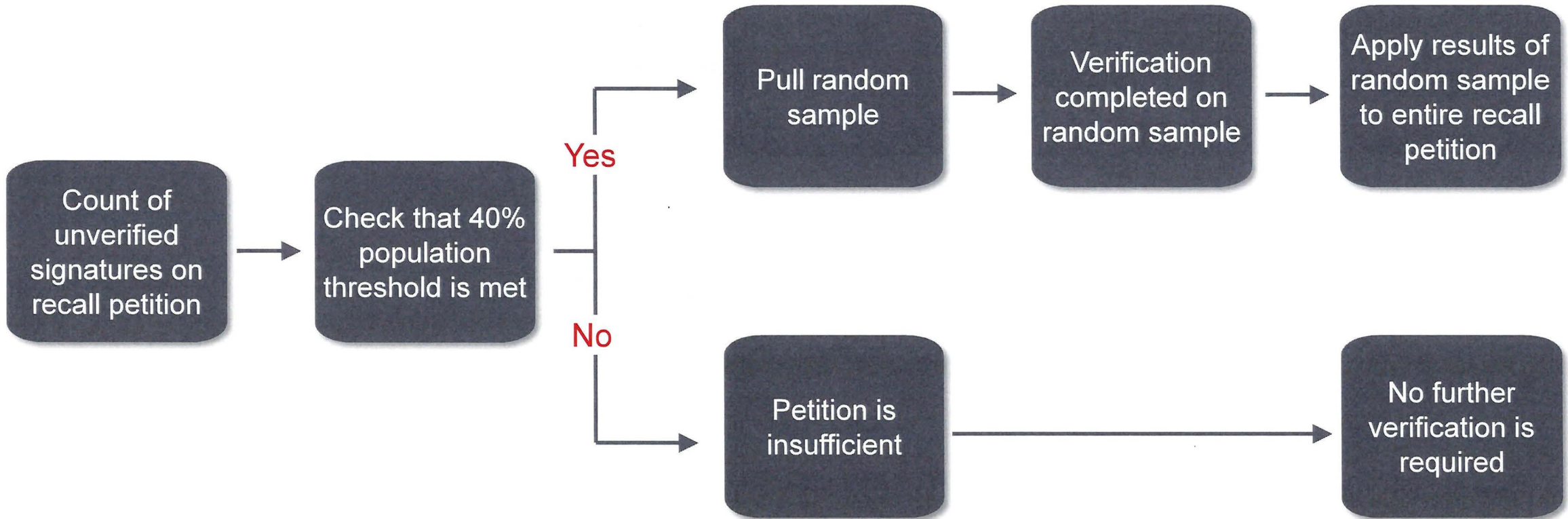
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High-level Overview



Municipal Government Act.
Sec. 240.7 (3) & (4)



Random Sample Verification Criteria

In counting the number of petitioners on a recall petition, the chief administrative officer must exclude the name of a person:

- a) whose signature is not witnessed,
- b) whose signature is witnessed but for which no affidavit is attached to the petition,
- c) whose signature appears on any page or form that does not contain the notice of recall petition referred to in section 240.2(2),
- d) whose printed name is not included or is incorrect,
- e) whose street address or legal description of land is not included or is incorrect,
- f) if the date when the person signed the recall petition is not stated,
- g) when a recall petition is restricted to certain persons,
 - i. who is not one of those persons, or
 - ii. whose qualification as one of those persons is not, or is incorrectly, described or set out, or
- h) who signed the recall petition after the expiry of the recall petition signature period.

In addition to the above, the criteria included a review for duplicate petitioners, in keeping with Sections 240.3 and 240.4(2) of the Municipal Government Act.

Municipal Government Act, Sec. 240.3, 240.4 & 240.7 (3)



Count & Verification Details

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| Verification Details | |
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| Unverified count | 69,344 |
| Percent of total signatures received within municipality (40% threshold needed) | 5.39% |



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| Deficiencies Within Random Sample | |
|---|------------|
| Notice of recall petition missing | 369 of 369 |
| Insufficient/blank addresses | 27 of 369 |
| Insufficient affidavits | 12 of 369 |
| Witness did not sign recall petition | 6 of 369 |
| No date provided, or the petitioner's handwriting was illegible | 2 of 369 |
| Missing petitioner's signature | 2 of 369 |
| Petitioner witnessed their own signature | 1 of 369 |
| Duplicate petitioner | 1 of 369 |
| Total valid petitioners | 0 of 369 |



Next Steps

1. Publish declaration on [Calgary.ca/petitions](https://calgary.ca/petitions)
2. Legislative notices:
 - i. Minister of Municipal Affairs
 - ii. Representative recall petitioner
 - iii. Mayor
3. Within 2 days of the declaration being published, the representative recall petitioner shall
 - a) Return the recall petition referred to in section 240.6 to the chief administrative officer, and
 - b) Destroy all additional copies of the recall petition that the representative recall petitioner, or any person acting on behalf of the representative recall petitioner, made.



Verification costs (to end of random sample verification)

- \$30,559.88 (salary)
 - Onboarding and training of six limited term staff
 - Count of unverified signatures
 - Verification of random sample

Additional costs (not yet finalized)

- Offboarding costs for limited term employees
- Destruction of petition
- Potential legal challenges

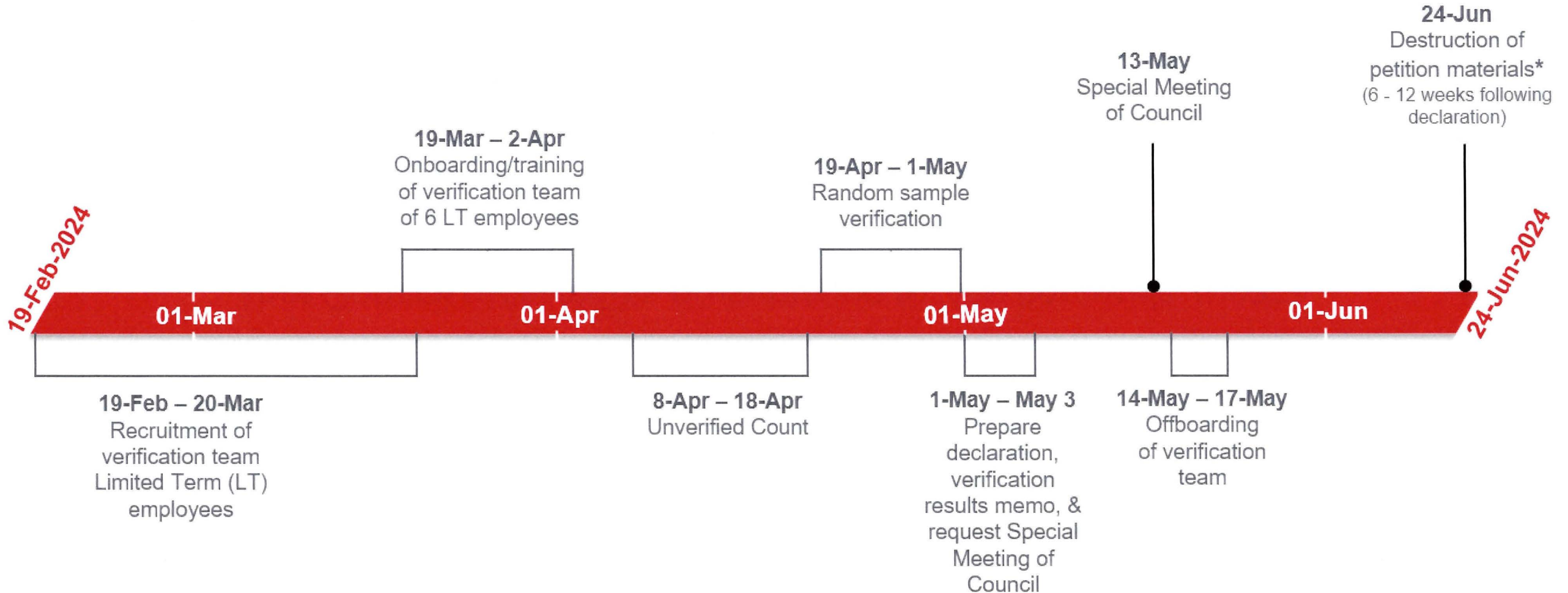
Excluded costs

- Salaries of permanent staff in City Clerk's Office
- Recall petition readiness (process development and testing, legal consultations, random sampling methodology)
- Partner support (e.g., HR, IT, Law)



Verification Timeline

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*Municipal Government Act, Sec. 240.92(2)
Local Authorities Election Act, Sec. 101

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