

Law, Legislative Services and Security Deferral Request to
Regular Meeting of Council
2024 October 29

Item # 7.1.1
ISC: UNRESTRICTED
C2024-1164

Deferral Request – 2025 Adjustments to Ward Boundaries in response to C2024-0513, from 2024 October 29 to 2024 December 17

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

On 2024 July 16, Council adopted the recommendations of Report C2024-0513:

1. That Council hold a non-statutory public hearing on 2024 July 16 with respect to proposed Bylaw 29M2024;
2. That Council give first reading to Proposed Bylaw 29M2024, to repeal and replace Bylaw 19M91; and
3. Direct the Returning Officer to give statutory notice of Council's intent to give second and third readings of Bylaw 29M2024 at the 2024 October 29 Regular Meeting of Council.

STATUS UPDATE

Prior to second and third reading of Bylaw 29M2024, the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) requires that proposed ward boundary changes be advertised at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper. Following the last day of advertisement, the MGA requires sixty (60) calendar days be provided to allow an elector to submit a petition regarding the proposed ward boundaries.

The MGA requires that ward boundary bylaw amendments be passed by December 31 in the year preceding a General Election year (i.e., 2024 December 31 for the 2025 October 20 General Election).

OUTSTANDING WORK

Additional time to coordinate legislated advertising was required. As a result, second and third reading of Bylaw 29M2024 at Council's 2024 October 29 Regular Meeting cannot be achieved.

In keeping with the MGA, Bylaw 29M2024 was advertised 2024 October 8 and 2024 October 15. A petition regarding the proposed ward boundaries must be submitted by 2024 December 16 (4:30 p.m.).

REPORT BACK TIMELINES

Given legislated advertising and petition timelines, Bylaw 29M2024 will return for second and third reading at the 2024 December 17 Regular Meeting.

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General Manager Jill Floen concurs with the information in this deferral request.