

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT TO COUNCIL

1994 NOVEMBER 21

12818

C94-137 PROCEDURES FOR INCAPACITATED VOTING

ISSUE:

To fix hours for taking incapacitated electors' votes at home.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, under Section 79(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA), approve a resolution fixing the hours for taking the vote of an incapacitated elector at his/her home as 10:00 a.m to 7:30 p.m. on election day.

BACKGROUND:

Section 79 of the LAEA provides for incapacitated electors voting at his/her home. Under Subsection (1) Council must, by resolution, fix the times for voting if held outside of the advance voting hours.

On 1989 September 05, Council approved the recommendations in Commissioners' Report C89-90, which fixed the hours for incapacitated voting at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on election day.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

The Returning Officer receives requests for incapacitated voting past 4:00 p.m. on election day for many reasons (e.g. an elector who finds the voting station is inaccessible to a wheelchair).

Also, it is not always possible to accommodate an elector's request prior to 4:00 p.m. due to other commitments of the elector such as medical appointments.

CONCLUSION:

It is advisable to extend the hours for the taking of votes of incapacitated electors. With a cut-off of 7:30 p.m., sufficient time remains to return to the election office to start vote counting at 8:00 p.m..

48-94-40 **12933**
61M94
3rd Reading

MOVED BY ALDERMAN SMITH, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSTON, that By-law No. 61M94, Being a By-law of The City of Calgary to Amend By-law 8M86, As Amended, Which is the By-law That Directs the City's Returning Officer to Prepare a List of Electors for Municipal General Elections, be read a third time and passed.

MOTION CARRIED

48-94-41 **12937**
C94-137
Incapacitated
Voting

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HIGGINS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSTON, that the Recommendation contained in Commissioners' Report C94-137, Procedures for Incapacitated Voting, dated 1994 November 21, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

48-94-42 **12938**
C94-138
Advance Vote

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HIGGINS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HODGES, that the Recommendations contained in Commissioners' Report C94-138, Advance Vote, dated 1994 November 21, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

RECESS

48-94-43
As Amended
Recess
(Ref. #48-94-29)

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HIGGINS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HODGES, as amended, that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 (15) of Procedure By-law No. 39M83, as amended, Council recess at this point to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

NOTE: Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Duerr in the Chair.