

City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CORP-2022-014

Date: January 6, 2022

Originator: Karen McIsaac, City Clerk

Business Unit:

Department:

Corporate Services

Clerks Department

Subject: Use of Corporate Resources for Municipal Elections Purposes Policy

Closed Session: yes ☐ no ☒

Recommendation

That Council approve the updated "Use of Corporate Resources for Municipal Elections Purposes Policy" attached as Schedule "B" to Report to Council CORP 2022-014 dated January 6, 2022, from Karen McIsaac.

Background

The *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as amended, requires municipalities to establish rules and procedures for the use of municipal resources during an election period and prohibits municipalities from making a contribution (including money, goods and services) to any candidate, third party advertiser or political party.

Attached hereto as Schedule "A" is the current Use of Corporate Resources for Elections Purposes Policy (hereinafter referred to as the "Policy") which was enacted by Council in 2005.

The purpose of the Policy is to establish for the benefit of candidates, current members of City Council, City staff and members of the public, the requirements and restrictions relating to campaign finances, the use of municipal resources and municipal contributions to election campaigns.

It is being recommended that the Policy be updated to include Registered Third Party Advertisers and to delete Schedule "A" as it is no longer in effect with the passing of Election Sign By-Law 2021-38 on November 30, 2021.

The 2022 Policy, attached hereto as Schedule "B", sets out provisions that address:

- (1) Use of City Technology.
- (2) Communications.
- (3) Use of City Facilities, Services and Property.
- (4) Municipal Employees.
- (5) Integrity Commissioner.

Financial/Legal Implications

There are no financial or legal implications associated with adopting the recommendation as set out in this report.

Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

Ensure continuous improvement of governance and administration.

Options Analysis

Option 1: That Council adopt the updated Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy dated January 25, 2022.

This is the recommended option.

Option 2: That Council not adopt the updated Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy dated January 25, 2022.

This is not the recommended option.

Recommended Option

That Council approve the updated "Use of Corporate Resources for Municipal Elections Purposes Policy" attached as Schedule "B" to Report to Council CORP 2022-014 dated January 6, 2022, from Karen McIsaac.

Respectfully submitted,

Name: Karen McIsaac, Dipl. M.A.

Title: City Clerk

I concur with this report and recommendation

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Title: Chief Administrative Officer

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City Clerk