



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CORP-2022-045

Date: March 29, 2022

Originator: Karen McIsaac, City Clerk

Business Unit:

Department:

Corporate Services

Clerks Department

Subject: 2022 Municipal Elections – Advance Voting – Reduced Hours of Voting for Institutions and Retirement Homes

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That Council authorize a By-Law to provide for advance votes to be held prior to Voting Day and to provide for reduced hours of voting in Institutions and Retirement Homes as set out in Report to Council CORP 2022-045, from Karen McIsaac dated March 29, 2022.

Background

Voting Day for the 2022 Municipal Election is Monday, October 24, 2022.

Section 43.(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996*, as amended, provides that at least thirty (30) days before voting day the council of a local municipality shall pass a by-law establishing one or more dates for an advance vote and the hours during which the voting places shall be open on that date or date(s).

In 2018 seven advance voting dates were established for the Municipal Election. With the introduction of on-line voting for the 2022 Election there will be three in-person advance voting dates.

On-line voting will commence on Thursday, October 13th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and will be available until Monday, October 24th, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Advance Voting will be held as follows:

Date	Voting Location	Time
Wednesday, October 12 th	West Ferris Arena 42 Gertrude St. E.	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 14 th	Castle Arms II 480 Olive Street	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 17 th	Memorial Gardens 100 Chippewa Street	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On-line voting will **not** be available at the in-person advance voting locations.

Section 43.(2) of the *Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996*, as amended, provides that the council of a local municipality shall pass a by-law with reduced hours in voting places in retirement homes or those institutions defined in Section 45.(7) of the Act, where the voting place is only for the use of the residents. The following seven (7) voting places have been identified under the 45.(7) of the Act.

It is recommended that the reduced hours on Election Day (October 24, 2022), as established for the 2018 Municipal Election, for the Chronic Care Facilities be maintained as follows:

Name of Facility	Time
Waters Edge Care Community	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
North Bay Regional Health Centre (Chronic Care Ward)	10 a.m. to noon
North Bay Regional Health Centre (Forensic Unit)	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Cassellholme Home for the Aged	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The recommended reduced hours on Election Day (October 24, 2022), for retirement homes be maintained as follows:

Name of Retirement Home	Time
Marina Point	10 a.m. to noon
Empire / Terrace Suites	10 a.m. to noon
Barclay House	10 a.m. to noon

These locations have been identified to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and special polls have been established for them.

Financial/Legal Implications

There are no financial or legal implications.

Corporate Strategic Plan

- Natural North and Near
- Affordable Balanced Growth
- Responsible and Responsive Government
- Economic Prosperity
- Spirited Safe Community

Specific Objectives

Ensure continuous improvement of governance and administration.

Options Analysis

Option #1: A By-Law be authorized to provide for advance votes to be held prior to Voting Day and to provide for reduced hours of voting in Institutions and Retirement Homes.

This is the recommended option as it meets the requirements of the legislation.

Option #2: A By-Law not be authorized to provide for advance votes to be held prior to Voting Day and to provide for reduced hours of voting in Institutions and Retirement Hours.

This option is not recommended as we are required by legislation to establish one or more dates for an advance vote and the hours during which the voting places shall be open on that date or dates.

Recommended Option

That Council authorize a By-Law to provide for advance votes to be held prior to Voting Day and to provide for reduced hours of voting in Institutions and Retirement Homes as set out in Report to Council CORP 2022-045, from Karen McIsaac dated March 29, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title: City Clerk

I concur with this report and recommendation

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Title: Chief Administrative Officer

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