

## Next Steps

That the updated Elections Bylaw include the following:

### **Recommendation 1:**

That fax be removed as an accepted method of making a special ballot application.

### **Recommendation 2:**

An earlier application deadline for applications requesting delivery by mail of 4:30 p.m. on the Monday before Election Day;

A later application deadline for applications requesting in-person pick up of 7:00 p.m. on Election Day; and

Maintain the current return deadline of 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

### **Recommendation 3:**

That the deposit amounts remain as \$500 for mayoral candidates and \$100 for councillor candidates.

### **Recommendation 4:**

That the nomination signature requirements remain unchanged at 100 signatures for mayoral candidates and 25 signatures for councillor candidates.

### **Recommendation 5:**

Replace the current requirement with a more enabling requirement to provide a voter template for electors with low or no vision at all in-person voting opportunities.

### **No Recommended changes to the following sections of the bylaw**

The time to commence counting at the count centre, which the Bylaw 19457 currently sets at 7:30 p.m. This is the earliest time allowed.

The delegation of the following authorities to the returning officer:

- Translated voting instructions
- Place of nominations
- Voting subdivisions

## Attachment 5

- Voting stations
- Institutional voting locations

Order of candidates on ballot - Edmonton Elections does not recommend implementing the option to rotate the order of candidates on the ballot rather than order them alphabetically, as this would introduce additional complexity for the design, printing, use and counting of ballots.

Procedure upon the death of a candidate - Bylaw 19457 currently provides for the election to be discontinued and a new one called for a later date.

Home voting is not currently used. Significant additional resources would be required to develop and deliver this service.

Bylaw 19457 provides the City Manager with the authority to appoint the returning officer and substitute returning officer.

Election Day remains unchanged.