

# Elections Bylaw Policy Decisions

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# Legislative Framework

Legislation

***Municipal Government Act,  
Local Authorities Election Act  
& Education Act***

**Elections Bylaw**

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**Returning Officer**

**Guiding Principles**

Accessible  
Inclusive  
Equitable  
Ethical  
Safe

# Special (Mail In) Ballots

## Recommendation 1:

- Remove fax as an accepted application method.

## Recommendation 2:

- Application deadlines:
  - Mail delivery: 4:30 p.m. on the Monday before Election Day
  - In-person pick up: 7:00 p.m. on Election Day
- Return deadline: 7:00 p.m. on Election Day

# Form of Nominations

## Deposits & Signatures

### Recommendation 3:

- That the deposit amounts remain unchanged 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.

# Blind Elector Template

## Recommendation 5:

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



# Form of Nominations

## Criminal Record Check

### Option 1:

- Maintain current approach and not require a criminal record check.

### Option 2:

- Implement a requirement for a criminal record check to be provided by a person seeking to be nominated as a candidate.

# Additional Authorities

## Recommendation to maintain current approach:

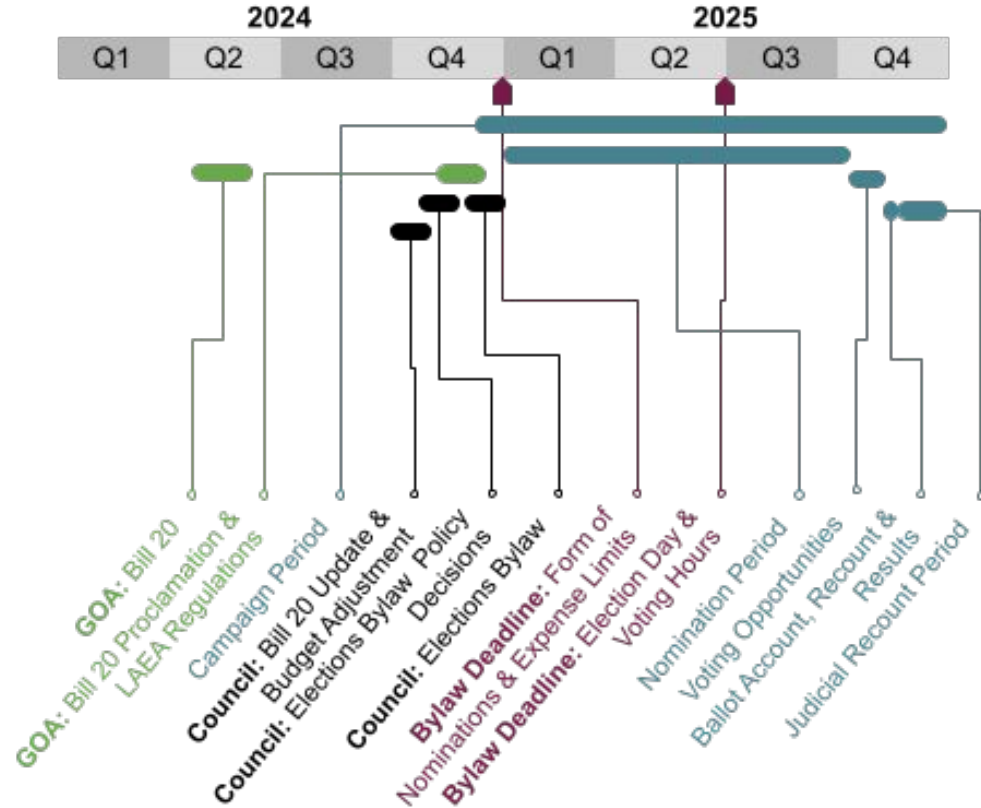
- Opening voting stations at 9 a.m. on Election Day
- Begin counting process at the count centre at 7:30 p.m.
- City Manager appoints the Returning Officer
- Returning Officer's delegated authorities
- Order of candidates on ballot (alphabetical last name)
- Procedure upon the death of a candidate
- No home voting
- Election Day - third Monday of October

## Potential future consideration:

- Campaign expense limits



# Timelines & Next Steps





# Thank you



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