



City of
Peterborough

TO: The Chairman And Members Of Committee Of The Whole

FROM: Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2006

SUBJECT: Report FACLK06-014
Advanced Voting Dates
2006 Municipal Election

PURPOSE

A report to establish times and dates for advance voting and to provide for reduced hours of voting for voting places in institutions and retirement homes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in report FACLK06-014, dated June 26, 2006, of the City Clerk as follows:

- a) That Council pass a by-law establishing the following advance vote dates:

Traditional Advanced Voting: Saturday, November 4, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at City Hall, 500 George Street North, Peterborough.

Internet Advanced Voting: From 12:00 a.m. Monday, November 6 to 12:00 am. Saturday, November 11, 2006, on line at www.peterboroughvotes.ca

- b) That the hours of voting for the voting places in institutions and retirement homes be three hours in length at each location on November 13, 2006.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Advanced voting and voting at retirement institutions is part of the total 2006 Election Budget.

BACKGROUND

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 provides some flexibility to municipalities in conducting municipal elections.

While the Act states that the Clerk of the local municipality is responsible for conducting elections within the municipality and is required to certify the cost of conducting the election, the Act authorizes Council to make certain decisions relating to the election process.

Section 43(1) of the Act states that Council shall pass a by-law, at least 30 days before voting day, establishing one or more dates for an advance vote and the hours during which voting places shall be open on that date or dates.

Council approved the use of internet voting in a previous By-law, thus it is necessary to establish the advanced voting dates by By-law and it is recommended that the following dates be approved:

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Section 45(7) of the Act requires a voting place to be provided on the premises of the following:

1. An institution for the reception, treatment or vocational training of members or former members of the Canadian Forces.
2. An institution in which, on nomination day, 20 or more beds are occupied by persons who are disabled, chronically ill or infirm.
3. A retirement home in which, on nomination day, 50 or more beds are occupied.

Section 46(3) of the Act states that Council of a local municipality may pass a by-law providing for reduced hours of voting for voting places in institutions and retirement homes that is only for the use of residents of the institution or retirement home. It is therefore recommended that the hours at retirement homes be reduced to three hours at each nursing home location.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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