# Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Election Procedure Manual 2022 Municipal Election



Approved by the Clerk for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie This 31st day of January, 2022

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This Manual is provided for informational purposes and is subject to change. Please refer to the legislation for specific reference.

All references to the Clerk, for the purposes of this Manual, shall mean the Returning Officer (RO) for the 2022 Municipal Election. All references to the Clerk's designate shall mean the delegated duties of the RO.

#### Section 1 – Authority

The Telephone and Internet Voting Election Procedure for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 of The Municipal Elections Act (MEA), 1996, as amended.

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has chosen to utilize the telephone and internet voting method in the 2022 Municipal Election, as authorized by By-law No. 70-2021 for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie on November 8, 2021, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 42 of the MEA.

Section 42(2)(a) of the MEA, 1996, as amended, provides that a by-law passed under Section 42(1) of the Act applies to a regular election if the by-law is passed on or before May 1 in the year of the election.

Section 42(3) of the MEA provides that, no later than June 1, 2022, the Clerk shall establish procedures and forms for the use of any alternative voting method authorized by by-law and provide same to each candidate.

Section 42(4) of the MEA provides that the procedures and forms established by the Clerk, if they are consistent with the principles of the MEA, prevail over anything in the Act and the regulations made under it.

When the Election Procedure Manual for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie does not provide for any matter, an election to which this procedure applies shall be conducted as far as practicable in accordance with the principles of the MEA.

Section 11 of the MEA states that the clerk of the local municipality is responsible for conducting elections within that municipality and for:

- a) preparing for the election
- b) preparing for and conducting a recount in the election
- c) maintaining peace and order in connection with the election, and
- d) preparing a report about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities

Section 12 of the MEA provides that, with respect to the duties and authority of a municipal clerk:

- 12. (1) A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matter or procedure that:
  - a) is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation, and
  - b) in the clerk's opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election

- (2) The power conferred by subsection (1) includes power to establish forms, including forms of oaths and statutory declarations and power to require their use.
- (3) The power conferred by subsection (1) includes power to require a person, as a condition of doing anything or having an election official do anything under this Act, to furnish proof that is satisfactory to the election official of the person's identity or qualifications, including citizenship or residency, or of any other matter.

#### While Section 13 of the MEA provides:

- 13. (1) Any notice or other information that this Act requires the clerk to give shall be given in a form and manner and at a time that the clerk considers adequate to give reasonable notice or to convey the information as the case may be.
  - (2) The clerk shall provide electors, candidates and persons who are eligible to be electors with information to enable them to exercise their rights under the MEA.

Subsection 42(5) further states that, when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, Sections 43 (advance votes) and 44 (proxy votes) apply only if the by-law so specifies. By-law No. 70-2021 does not provide for either advance or proxy votes; therefore, a person cannot give her/her Voter Information Letter to another eligible elector for the purpose of proxy voting.

Definitions shall be as set out in the MEA and as provided for in the Election Procedure Manual.

#### Section 2 - Disclaimer

The Election Procedure Manual for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has been prepared to provide general guidance for the 2022 Municipal Election.

In the event of any discrepancy in the Election Procedure Manual, the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, shall take precedence except as provided for in Section 42(4) of the MEA.

Amendments may be made to the Election Procedure Manual at the discretion of the Clerk.

Any unforeseen cases which are not addressed in these procedures will be recorded, action taken and reflected in an addendum signed by the Clerk to these procedures and circulated to all candidates and posted on the website.

#### **Section 3 - Declaration**

Pursuant to Section 12 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, I hereby certify that the attached procedure shall be followed while conducting the 2022 Municipal Election in the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

Date

January 31, 2022

Christine Fraser-McDonald
Clerk

#### **Section 4 – Definitions**

- 1. Act—means the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, (MEA).
- 2. Advance Voting—means voting conducted anytime beginning on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and concluding on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.
- 3. Ballot—means either an image on a computer screen of a ballot for an election to be voted on, including all choices available to the elector and containing spaces in which the elector can mark his/her selection and when using a telephone or device connected to the internet, an audio set of instructions which describes all choices available to the elector and instructions to mark his/her selection by depressing the numbered touch tone keypad.
- 4. Candidate—means a person who has been nominated under Section 33 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
- 5. Certified Candidate—means a candidate whose nomination has been certified by the Clerk under Section 35 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
- 6. Clerk—means the Clerk of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie who is responsible for conducting the 2022 Municipal Election under the authority of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended and reciprocally also known as the Returning Officer. All references to the Clerk's designate shall mean the delegated duties of the Returning Officer.
- 7. DataFix—means an Election Management System used to conduct a municipal election including Voter View, an internet-based application designed to provide election officials with an electronic view of their electoral information, including the ability to make corrections to the Voters list as well as to access various voter counts needed for electoral planning, with the capability to provide an electronic copy of all changes to the provincial authority at the end of the electoral event.
- 8. Election—means the 2022 School Board and Municipal elections conducted by the Returning Officer.

- 9. Election Official (EO)—means the Clerk and/or other persons appointed in writing by the Clerk to carry out election duties in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended. An EO can only carry out duties and tasks as assigned in writing by the Clerk and must take the prescribed oath in accordance with Section 15 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
- 10. Friend or Support Person—means a person who has been requested by an elector to assist him/her in the voting process.
- 11. Help and Revision Centre—means a location provided by the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie to assist electors, provide guidance and clarification with the telephone and internet voting process or other general election inquiries. The Help and Revision Centre will be located in the administrative office area at 56 Lindsay Road 5, Lion's Head, Ontario, N0H 1W0.
- 12. Identification—means a document that can be used to show the elector's name and address. A detailed list of acceptable documents is attached hereto as Schedule A.
- 13. Nomination Period—means the period between the first day of nominations to Nomination Day. The first day that nominations can be filed for a regular election is Monday May 2, 2022. Nomination Day (the deadline to file or withdraw a nomination) for a regular election is Friday, August 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- 14. Personal Identification Number (PIN)—means a unique multiple digit number, assigned by Simply Voting Inc., randomly generated and sent to every elector on the Voters List by way of a Voter Information Letter. The PIN will provide security for access to the voting system.
- 15. Preliminary List of Electors (PLE)—means a list of electors for the municipality compiled by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and provided to the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie by a date prior to September 1, 2022 of an election year under Section 19 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
- 16. Scrutineer—means an individual appointed in writing by a certified candidate to represent him/her during the voting process pursuant to Section 16 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
- 17. Student voting means a student may vote in the municipality where he or she is temporarily residing while attending school as well as at his or her permanent home in a different municipality, provided that he or she does not intend to change his or her permanent home.
- 18. Time/Clock—means the time as indicated on the National Research Council Canada Web Clock showing official times for the Eastern Time Zone.
- 19. Voting Day—means the final day during which the vote is to be taken in the election, which shall be Monday, October 24, 2022 with the close of poll set at 8:00 p.m.

- 20. Voters List—means the PLE, as corrected by the Clerk, under the provisions of Sections 19 and 22 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
- 21. Voting Period—means the period in which an eligible elector may cast his/her vote, via internet or telephone (or similar mobile device). The Voting Period shall span from Monday, October 17, 2022 starting at 8:30 a.m. to Voting Day, Monday, October 22, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.
- 22. Voting Place—means a location designated by the Clerk equipped with a telephone and/or internet connection to accommodate voting during the voting period, as required. Voting may take place at the Voting Place as follows:

Saturday, October 8, 2022	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Monday, October 17, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Wednesday, October 19, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Thursday, October 20, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Friday, October 21, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Saturday, October 22, 2022	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Monday, October 24, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Municipal Office

The Municipal Office shall be a designated Voting Place and is located at 1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON, Ontario, N0G 1L0. Telephone: (519) 363.3039. Other Voting Places may be designated at the Clerk's discretion.

23. Voter Information Letter—means a sealed envelope containing a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for each elector on the Voters List (or those who have completed an application, duly approved by the Clerk or her designate, for inclusion on the Voters List), a telephone access number and internet address for voting purposes, a Help and Revision Centre address and number for assistance and a list of certified candidates for office. These envelopes will be mailed individually to each elector on the Voters List or distributed from the Municipal Office at the discretion of the Clerk or her designate.

#### **Section 5 - Secrecy**

- 1. The Clerk shall require all Election Officials and/or other persons working in connection with the Municipal Election to swear or affirm an oath of secrecy in accordance with Section 49(1) of the MEA.
- No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with an elector while in the process of accessing the telephone or internet voting service or interfere or attempt to interfere in the voting process while using the telephone or internet voting service unless expressly requested and authorized by an elector.
- 3. Electors voting at the Voting Place may vote with the assistance of a friend or support person by stating his/her inability to vote without assistance. Form EL 27, where

applicable, shall be completed and the friend shall be required to take the appropriate oath prior to providing the assistance.

- 4. No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain information as to how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- 5. No person shall communicate any information that might have been inadvertently obtained relating to how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- 6. No elector shall reveal how he/she intends to vote except when obtaining assistance with voting by a friend, support person or an Election Official.
- 7. All complaints regarding breaches of secrecy shall be investigated by the proper authorities and shall be prosecuted pursuant to Sections 89 and 90 of the MEA.

#### **Section 6 – Nominations**

The giving of notice for nominations, Notice of Nomination for Office, shall be placed in a local newspaper prior to Monday, May 2, 2022, at the Municipal Office and on the Municipal website and Facebook page.

A person may be nominated for an office by filing a nomination in the Clerk's Office in person or by an agent according to Section 33 of the MEA. The nomination must be endorsed by at least twenty-five (25) persons and nominators may endorse more than one (1) nomination. The person endorsing a nomination must be eligible to vote in an election for an office within the Municipality if a regular election was held on the day that the person endorses the nomination.

Nomination Paper(s) for the following offices will be available at the Clerk's Office from Monday, May 2, 2022 to Thursday, August 18, 2022 during regular business office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, Friday, August 19, 2022 and on the website for:

One (1) Mayor

One (1) Deputy Mayor

Five (5) Councillors

Nominations must be filed with the Clerk with the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for Head of Council and \$100.00 for all other offices along with proof of identity and residence as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 304/13.

No faxed or other electronically transmitted nomination paper will be accepted as an original signature is required.

The filing fee shall be paid by cash, debit card, certified cheque or money order made payable to the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

Nomination Paper(s) for school boards must be obtained and filed at the appropriate designated Municipal Office for the following offices:

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One (1) School Board Trustee – English Public
One (1) School Board Trustee - English Separate
One (1) School Board Trustee - French Public
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One (1) School Board Trustee - French Separate

#### **Estimated Maximum Campaign Expense**

The Clerk shall calculate the estimated maximum campaign expenses for each office on the "Estimated Maximum Campaign Expense" forms and provide a copy to the candidate or his/her agent the day that the Nomination Paper is filed. The Clerk's calculation is final.

#### **Notice of Penalties**

Prior to Voting Day, the Clerk shall provide a notice of penalties on the "Notice of Penalties" and Corrupt Practices" form to the candidate or his/her agent.

#### **MFIPPA**

The candidate may sign the consent to release personal information (Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act - MFIPPA) form authorizing the Clerk to release personal information the public and the media.

#### **Unofficial List of Candidates**

The Clerk shall provide notice of the unofficial list of candidates by preparing and posting at the Municipal Office and on the Municipal website an "Unofficial List of Candidates" form which is to be updated as each nomination paper is filed. The list will clearly be marked "unofficial" until such time as the Clerk has certified the nominations. The Clerk must obtain authorization from the candidate to post his/her personal information such as his/her addresses.

#### **Nomination Day**

Nomination Paper(s) will be received at the Municipal Office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, Friday, August 19, 2022 by following the same procedures as noted above.

#### **Certification of Nomination Papers**

Pursuant to Section 35 of the MEA, on or before Monday, August 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., the Clerk will carry out a review of each nomination to determine qualification and if the nomination complies with the MEA. Once satisfied that the candidate is qualified, complete the "Certification by Clerk" section on the Nomination Paper.

#### **Rejection of Nomination Paper**

If the candidate is not qualified to be nominated or the nomination does not comply with the MEA, the Clerk will reject the nomination according to Section 35(3) of the MEA. A "Notice of Rejection of Nomination" form shall be sent as soon as possible by registered mail to the person who sought to be nominated and the notice shall also be sent as soon as possible by regular first-class mail to all candidates for the office.

#### Withdrawal of Nomination

Pursuant to Section 36 of the MEA, a candidate may withdraw his/her nomination by completing and filing in person a "Withdrawal of Nomination" form with the Clerk before 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, Friday, August 19, 2022. A withdrawal sent by email, mail or fax will not be accepted. The withdrawal shall be noted on the "Unofficial List of Candidates".

#### Official List of Candidates

The final list of certified candidates will be posted at the Municipal Office and on the Municipal website on or before Monday, August 22, 2022 using the "Official List of Certified Candidates" form.

#### **Declaration of Election**

If after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022 the number of certified nominations filed for an office is more than the number of persons to be elected to the office, the Clerk shall declare an election is to be conducted pursuant to Section 40 of the MEA.

The Clerk shall give the electors notice of the following:

- 1) the dates and times of the Voting Period
- 2) the location and hours of operation of the Help and Revision Centre
- 3) the manner in which electors may use the internet/telephone voting method

#### **Acclamations**

Pursuant to Section 37(1) of the MEA, if the number of certified candidates for an office is the same as or fewer than the number to be elected, the Clerk shall immediately declare the candidate(s) elected by acclamation on Thursday, August 25, 2022. The Clerk shall post a "Declaration of Acclamation to Office" form. Should this situation arise, there will be no election conducted for the office(s).

#### **Fewer Number of Nomination Papers than Offices**

Pursuant to Section 33(5) of the MEA, if on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, the number of certified nominations filed for an office is fewer than the number of persons to be elected to the office, additional nominations may be filed between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on

Wednesday, August 24, 2022. The Clerk shall post a "Notice of Additional Nominations" form advising that additional Nomination Papers may be filed for that office on the specific date and time.

If at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, additional Nomination Papers have been filed, the procedure to certify or reject Nomination Papers shall be followed.

#### Additional Nominations More than Number of Offices Remaining

According to Section 33(5) of the MEA, if between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, there are more than a sufficient number of certified nominations to fill the office(s), an election shall be conducted with the names of the persons who have filed certified Nomination Papers.

#### **Withdrawal of Additional Nominations**

Withdrawal of additional nominations must be in place prior to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 by following the procedure in the "Withdrawal of Nomination Paper" section noted above.

#### **Additional Nominations Equivalent to the Number of Offices**

If at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2022, there is a sufficient number of certified Nomination Papers filed to fill the office(s), the Clerk shall post a "Declaration of Acclamation to Office" pursuant to Section 37(2) of the MEA.

#### Insufficient Number of Nomination Papers Filed to Form a Quorum – Council

If the number of Nomination Papers filed is insufficient to form a quorum of the Council, a by-election shall be held according to Section 37(4)(1) of the MEA.

#### Sufficient Number of Nomination Papers Filed to Form a Quorum - Council

If the number of Nomination Papers filed is less than the number of positions for an office of the Council, but does form a quorum, Section 263(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, as amended, shall apply [see Section 34(4) of the MEA].

#### Death or Ineligibility of a Candidate

According to Section 39 of the MEA, if a certified candidate dies or becomes ineligible before the close of voting—

- ✓ the result would be an acclamation for an office, the election to such office is void and
  a by-election for such office shall be held
- ✓ the result would be one fewer candidate only and no acclamation, the candidate's name shall be omitted from the ballot

No votes are to be counted for the candidate who has died or become ineligible.

#### **Final Calculation of Campaign Expenses**

The Clerk shall, after determining from the number of eligible electors from the Voters List for each office, calculate the maximum amount of campaign expenses that each candidate may incur for that office and prepare a "Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses". The certificate shall be given to each candidate in the case of a regular election on or before September 25, 2022 and in the case of a by-election within ten (10) days after the Clerk makes the corrections pursuant to Section 88.20(13) and (14). The Clerk's calculation is final and shall be made in accordance with the prescribed formula set out in Ontario Regulation 101/97.

#### **Candidate Name Pronunciation**

All certified candidates may be required to provide to the Clerk the proper pronunciation of their names prior to finalization of the voice prompts for the telephone component of the voting system.

#### Section 7 - Preliminary List of Electors (PLE)/Voters List

- The Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) shall be requested from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in an electronic format and be received by the Clerk no later than August 2, 2022.
- 2. The Clerk will review said list and obvious errors shall be corrected as permitted under Section 22 of the MEA and notify MPAC. The corrected PLE becomes the Voters List. The Clerk may use any information that is in the Municipality's custody or control when correcting the PLE for obvious errors pursuant to Section 22(2) of the MEA.
- 3. An on-line voter look up tool will be made available on the Municipality's website once the link to this website tool is made available to the Municipality by MPAC.
- 4. The Voters List shall be provided by DataFix to Simply Voting Inc. in an electronic format on a pre-arranged date in order that Simply Voting Inc. may print the Voter Information Letters. Simply Voting Inc. will manage design, proof, print and mail the Voter Information Letters (VIL). Printing and mailing will be executed by Taylor-Demers under the supervision of Simply Voting Inc. The VIL will be sent via Canada Post as letter mail. Canada Post 2022 postage rates will apply and will be invoiced directly to the Municipality.
- 5. All certified candidates shall be entitled to a copy of the Voters List as of Thursday, September 1, 2022 and shall sign a statement acknowledging that the Voters List shall not be used for any commercial purposes. Candidate copies of the Voters List must be returned to the Clerk following the election for destruction. In addition, Sections 88(10) and (11) state that the Voters List cannot be posted in a public place and can be used for election purposes only.

6. Further additions, corrections and deletions may be made to the Voters List in accordance with the MEA at the discretion of the Clerk.

#### Amendments to the Voters List

The Voters List may be amended using the prescribed form, "Application to Amend Voters List" by providing proof of identity and residence as required in Ontario Regulation 304/13. Such amendments shall take place between September 1, 2022 until Monday, October 24, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

Other names may be removed from the Voters List by using the "Application for Removal of Another's Name from the Voters List form between September 1, 2022 until Monday, October 24, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. The Clerk may remove a person's name from the Voters List until the close of voting-on-Voting Day if the Clerk is satisfied that the person has died.

On or before September 25, 2022, the Clerk will determine the total number of electors on the Voters List. This number is necessary to calculate for inclusion on the "Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses" for the 2022 Municipal Election.

#### **Interim List of Changes**

The Clerk shall prepare an "Interim List of Changes" form to the Voters List that were approved on or before September 15, 2022. This form can be completed between September 15, 2022 and September 25, 2022.

#### **Final List of Changes**

The Clerk shall prepare the "Final List of Changes" form to the Voters List by November 23, 2022 and forward to MPAC pursuant to Section 27(2) of the MEA.

#### **Section 8 - Help and Revision Centre**

For the purpose of the 2022 Municipal Election, a voting place is not required; however, the following location is identified as a Help and Revision Centre. Electors may be added to the Voters List and receive assistance and clarification on the election process including access to a telephone and/or the internet in order to vote during the hours designated by the Clerk.

- 1. The Voters List shall be available at the Help and Revision Centre.
- 2. The Help and Revision Centre shall be established at the Municipal Office, specifically, the administration office area, for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie located at 1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON N0H 1G0. Telephone: (519) 363-3039.
- 3. The Help and Revision Centre shall be responsible for the following:

- a) addition of eligible voters to the Voters List in accordance with the MEA
- b) eligible voters' names that are added to the Voters List will be assigned and the voters will receive (or be mailed) a Voter Information Letter containing a PIN
- c) eligible voters will be able to vote at the Municipal Office Voting Place if they desire to do so during the Voting Period.
- d) verification and re-issuance of Voter Information Letters to qualified voters may occur when:
  - an individual, whose name appears on the Voters List, has lost his/her Voter Information Letter or did not receive it in the mail, he/she can attend the Help and Revision Centre and provide, to the satisfaction of the Clerk or her designate, that he/she requires a new PIN. The Clerk or her designate will disable the voter's lost PIN and electronically mark it in the system as having been lost. Upon providing acceptable identification to the Clerk or her designate, a new Voter Information Letter may be issued.
- e) answer general election questions
- f) provide assistance to voters upon request and appointment

#### **Section 9 – Notices and Advertisements**

- 1. The Clerk shall notify voters of the following via the local media and Municipal website and Facebook page:
  - a) a Municipal Election is being held for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and that the telephone/internet voting method has been selected as the method of voting in 2022 in accordance with By-law No. 70-2021, being a by-law to authorize an alternative voting method, being telephone and internet voting for the 2022 Municipal Election and School Board Elections, enacted on November 8, 2021.
  - b) dates and times of the Voting Period and Voting Day including the method of voting
  - c) who is eligible to vote in the Municipal Election
  - d) locations, dates and times that the Help and Revision Centre and Voting Place (situated at the Municipal Office) are open
  - e) how electors can determine if their name is on the Voters List
  - f) procedure for being added, deleted or making corrections to the Voters List
- 2. Each person on the Voters List shall be mailed, by first class mail, a sealed Voter Information Letter (VIL) containing:
  - a) his/her elector's voter credentials, the telephone number to call to cast his/her vote and the designated internet address (URL) to access to cast his/her vote using the internet
  - b) instructions on how and when to vote
  - c) dates and hours of voting
  - d) location, dates and hours of operation and telephone number of the Help and Revision Centre
  - e) a voter eligibility explanation
  - f) information on voting assistance available at the Municipal Office

- g) election email address and designated internet address
- h) summary of nominated certified candidates and offices
- i) information on illegal and corrupt practices under the Act

#### Section 10 - Voting

#### Secrecy

All Election Officials (EO) shall be appointed pursuant to the "Appointment – Oath of Election Officials" form and take an oath of secrecy.

Any complaint regarding a breach of secrecy shall be documented by the Election Official along with questions and answers of the complainant and, if deemed appropriate, the Clerk shall submit same to the Ontario Provincial Police for further investigation and possible prosecution.

#### **Elector Requiring Assistance**

In accordance with Section 52(1)(4) of the MEA, an Election Official may permit an elector who needs voting assistance to receive such assistance as the Election Official considers necessary.

#### **Oral Oath to Vote with Assistance**

A voter who requires voting assistance at the Help and Revision Centre may ask the Election Official to help. The Election Official shall require the voter making the request to take the "Oral Oath to Vote with Assistance" as stated on the form.

#### Oral Oath of Friend of Elector

Rather than the Election Official providing assistance, the voter may request that a friend accompany the voter at the Help and Revision Centre to assist the voter. Any friend assisting shall be required to take the "Oral Oath of Friend of Elector" as stated on the form. No person shall be allowed to act as a friend of more than one (1) voter at the Help and Revision Centre. Candidates and scrutineers may not act in the capacity of a friend of elector.

#### Oral Oath of Interpreter

Where a voter requires an interpreter, such person provided by the voter shall take the "Oral Oath of Interpreter" as stated on the form and shall translate the oaths as well as any lawful questions put to the voter.

#### General

- Each eligible elector shall be required to call a designated telephone number to cast his/her vote or access a designated internet address to cast his/her vote. The designated telephone number and designated internet address are contained in the Voter Information Letter.
- 2. Each eligible elector shall be limited to one (1) vote through the use of a PIN contained within the Voter Information Letter.
- 3. The voting system will allow the eligible elector to vote using a touch tone telephone, cell phone, computer or any device connected to the internet from anywhere in the world where internet access is available. A vote cannot be cast using a rotary dial telephone.
- 4. Following the voter's selection, the voting system will identify the voter's choice and provide the voter with the option of changing or confirming his/her vote.
- 5. Once the voter credentials are used to complete voting and a ballot is cast, it cannot be used again and further access shall not be granted to the voting system.
- 6. The voting system will not permit a voter to over vote.
- 7. The voting system will allow for the voter to choose to spoil his/her ballot.
- 8. Internet and telephone voting will commence on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and conclude on Voting Day, Monday, October 24, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.
- 9. An opportunity for eligible students to vote will be provided on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at the Voting Place (Municipal Office, 1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, Ontario, N0G 1L0) between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Other eligible electors are welcome to attend this advance poll as well.
- 10. Electors may also attend the Voting Place (Municipal Office, 1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, Ontario, N0G 1L0) to vote using a telephone and/or internet connection during the following dates and times:

Monday, October 17, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Wednesday, October 19, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Thursday, October 20, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Friday, October 21, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Saturday, October 22, 2022	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Monday, October 24, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Municipal Office

11. Other Voting Places may be designated at the discretion of the Clerk.

12. The names of electors who have voted during the voting period will be provided to the Clerk electronically from Simply Voting Inc.; however, it is not possible to determine how an elector voted.

#### **Section 11 – Voter Qualification**

- 1. Pursuant to Section 17(2) of the MEA, a person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if, on Voting Day, he/she:
  - a) is a Canadian citizen
  - b) is at least 18 years old
  - c) resides in the local municipality or is the owner or tenant of land in the local municipality or the spouse of such owner or tenant
  - d) is not prohibited from voting under Section 17(3) of the MEA or otherwise by law

#### **Section 12 – Voting Process**

- 1. Eligible voters may vote by:
  - a) accessing the designated telephone number using a land line or cellular, touch tone telephone, but not a rotary dial telephone.
  - b) or accessing the designated internet address using a dial-up modem access or a high-speed connection.
  - c) attending the Voting Place during the following hours:

Saturday, October 8, 2022	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p. m.	Municipal Office
Monday, October 17, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Wednesday, October 19, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Thursday, October 20, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Friday, October 21, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Office
Saturday, October 22, 2022	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Municipal Office
Monday, October 24, 2022	8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Municipal Office

The Voting Place, being the Municipal Office, is located at 1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, Ontario, N0G 1L0. Telephone: (519) 363.3039. The Clerk may be reached at the same telephone number. Eligible voters may use the touch tone telephone or internet access provided at the Voting Place during the prescribed hours noted above. Other Voting Places may be designated at the discretion of the Clerk.

d) attending the following locations to use the free internet access in accordance with Bruce County internet use rules and regulations:

Bruce County Library, Paisley Branch	274 Queen St S
Bruce County Library, Chesley Branch	73 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street SE
Bruce County Library, Tara Branch	59 Yonge St N

- e) attending the Voting Place during the Voting Period with a friend or support person, taking the appropriate oath(s) and having a friend vote using either voting method. In the absence of a friend or support person, the voter may request the assistance of an Election Official, who may provide help only after the appropriate oath has been taken.
- f) attending the Voting Place during the Voting Period with an interpreter, taking the appropriate oral oath(s) and voting using the touch tone telephone or internet access provided.
- 2. With the assistance of the Returning Officer or her designate, the following institution and retirement homes will be provided with the opportunity for its residents to vote:

Elgin Abbey

Parkview Estates

380 1st Ave N., Chesley 98 3rd Street, SE, Chesley

#### Section 13 – Accessibility

The Clerk shall have regard for electors and candidates with special needs.

The Clerk shall ensure that the Help and Revision Centre is accessible to electors with disabilities and means by which to make the necessary accommodations.

Prior to Voting Day, the Clerk or her designate must prepare a plan for the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect voters and candidates with disabilities and make the plan available to the public.

Within ninety (90) days after Voting Day in a regular Municipal Election but no later than Monday, January 23, 2023, the Clerk shall submit a report to Council summarizing the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affected electors and candidates with disabilities. Said report shall also be made available to the public.

The Municipality's AODS-compliant customer service feedback process for providing services to people with disabilities must be followed throughout the election process.

#### **Section 14 – Scrutineers**

- Each candidate may appoint, by using "Appointment of Scrutineer", one (1) scrutineer
  to represent him/her during the voting and at the counting of the votes including during
  a recount.
- 2. No more than one (1) scrutineer representing each candidate may be in the Voting Place or the Help and Revision Centre at one time. The scrutineer shall take an "Oral Oath of Secrecy" to be present in a Voting Place or at the counting of the votes in accordance with Section 49 of the MEA.

- 3. The "Appointment of Scrutineer" form shall be signed by the candidate in person at the Municipal Office. The candidate shall subsequently provide this signed form to his/her scrutineer.
- 4. Before being admitted to a Voting Place, a person appointed as a scrutineer shall show proof of his/her appointment to the Returning Officer or her designate where votes are being counted.
- 5. Scrutineers are prohibited from the following:
  - attempting, directly or indirectly to interfere with how an elector votes
  - attempting to campaign or persuade an elector to vote for a particular candidate
  - displaying a candidate's election campaign material in a Voting Place
  - compromising the secrecy of voting
  - · interfering or attempting to interfere with an elector who is voting
  - obtaining or attempting to obtain, in a voting place, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted
  - communicating any information obtained at a Voting Place about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- 6. Use of a cellular telephone will not be permitted within the Voting Place or Help and Revision Centre, being the Municipal Office building, by any elector, candidate or scrutineer.
- 7. Any person failing to abide by these provisions shall be instructed to leave the Voting Place, Help and Revision Centre and/or any other facility designated by the Clerk. Depending on the severity of the contravention, the Clerk may deem it appropriate to revoke any appointment in effect and ban the individual from attendance at the premises.
- 8. Scrutineers, duly appointed, may attend at the Voting Place and Help and Revision Centre during the regular hours of operation to observe the process.

#### Section 15 – System

#### Service Provider

On November 8, 2021, By-law No. 70-2021 was enacted authorizing the use of telephone/internet voting methods for the 2022 Municipal Election.

#### **System Integrity**

The integrity of the voting process shall be the responsibility of the Clerk and shall be preserved by:

a) ensuring that every eligible elector on the Voters List, as amended, is sent, by first class mail, a sealed Voter Information Letter containing the elector's voter credentials

- b) ensuring that only Simply Voting Inc. and no other person, including the Clerk, maintains a list of PIN's that matches each voter's name and address
- c) providing an opportunity for eligible electors to be added to the Voters List or to make amendments to the list up to and including Voting Day, Monday, October 24, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.
- d) establishing and enforcing proper procedures to ensure that no person is added to the Voters List unless an Election Official is completely satisfied of the person's identity and qualification as an elector in the Municipality.

#### **System Activation**

Prior to the activation of the system by the Clerk on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., the Deputy Returning Officer and those candidates and/or scrutineers in attendance shall confirm that all candidates' names are listed and that no votes have been cast. The system will not be activated until confirmation that all counts associated with each of the candidates' names indicate a zero (0) total.

#### **System Checks**

Logic and accuracy testing of the voting system will take place in advance of the poll at a date to be determined by the Clerk and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) checking the wording of the script and text on the website
- b) checking Voting Place internet and telephone voting stations
- c) attempting to use a PIN more than once
- d) balancing a predetermined number of test votes with those cast
- e) matching PINs to names and addresses
- f) deliberately keying in the wrong information
- g) attempting to under vote and over vote with a test account to ensure that the system has been programmed properly

# **Section 16 – Corrupt Election Practices, Offences, Penalties and Enforcement**

- 1. Sections 89 and 90 of the MEA provide for offences, penalties and enforcement of corrupt practices and other offences during an election process.
- 2. Although the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie will be using an alternative voting method, namely telephone and internet voting, the principles and integrity of the election process will remain and be enforceable.
- 3. Section 89, Offences, of the MEA states. "A person is guilty of an offence if he or she,
  - a) votes without being entitled to do so
  - b) votes more times than this Act allows
  - c) induces or procures a person to vote when that person is not entitled to do so

- d) before or during an election, publishes a false statement of a candidate's withdrawal
- e) furnishes false or misleading information to a person who this Act authorizes to obtain information
- f) without authority, supplies a voter credentials/ballot to anyone
- g) takes, opens and/or deals with voter credentials/ballot without having authority to do so
- 4. No person shall solicit a Voter Information Letter from an eligible elector. Valid complaints or knowledge of solicitation shall be immediately reported to the Ontario Provincial Police for investigation of corrupt practices.
- 5. Additionally, according to Section 90 of the MEA, if a person is convicted of an offence under Section 89 of the MEA, and the offence was committed knowingly, the offence also constitutes a corrupt practice.
- 6. Although MEA provisions speak to voting places, ballots, ballot boxes, etc., the same must be used interchangeably with the "alternative form of voting" since the principle of the Act must be maintained and is, therefore, enforceable and subject to penalties.
- 7. The Clerk of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, while utilizing this alternative form of voting, has agreed to the following rules and regulations:
  - a) All valid complaints about actions which may contravene the provisions of the MEA, either verbally or written, will be investigated by the Clerk
  - b) All such valid complaints, once investigated to the extent and knowledge of the Clerk, will be submitted to the Detachment Commander at the Bruce Peninsula Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for further investigation
  - c) Once the OPP investigation has been completed, the Detachment Commander will communicate with the Crown Attorney's Office to determine whether an individual will be prosecuted
  - d) The Clerk and/or any Election Official will not attempt to interfere or intervene in the prosecution and may be called upon to give evidence during the prosecution proceedings.

# Section 17 – Mail Tampering – Criminal Offence and Prosecution

- 1. The Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) states that tampering with the mail of an individual(s) is a criminal offence punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to ten (10) years.
- 2. The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie has chosen to use the alternative voting method, telephone/internet voting and as such, notification of the voting process and the method by which electors will access the voting system in order to exercise their right to vote will be completed via the first-class Canada Post mail.

- 3. The Clerk of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, while utilizing this alternative form of voting, has agreed to the following rules and regulations in order to ensure integrity and confidence in the voting process for all electors and candidates:
  - a) all complaints relating to actions which may contravene the provisions of the CCC with respect to mail tampering, either verbally or in writing, will be investigated by the Clerk:
  - b) all such complaints, once proven valid and investigated to the extent and knowledge of the Clerk, will be submitted to the Detachment Commander of the Bruce Peninsula Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);
  - c) once the OPP investigation has been completed, the Detachment Commander will communicate with the Crown Attorney's Office to determine whether an individual will be prosecuted;
  - d) the Clerk and/or any Election Official will not attempt to interfere or intervene in the prosecution and may be called upon to give evidence during the prosecution proceedings.

#### Section 18 - Results

- 1. The Voting Place (Council Chambers) at the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie will remain open on Monday, October 24, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Help and Revision Centre and Voting Place will remain open until the Clerk confirms that all eligible voters in the Voting Place at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022 have completed voting.
- 2. At 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022, the Clerk will, providing that all eligible electors within the Voting Place have voted, request the close and deactivation of the telephone/internet voting service and request the tabulation of the results for each office to be elected. The final results shall be available as soon as practical thereafter at the Municipal Office, 1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON and the Unofficial Results will be posted on the Municipal website and at the Municipal Office.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 55(4) of the MEA, the Clerk shall, as soon as possible after Voting Day, declare the candidate(s), as the case may be, who received the highest number of votes to be elected after the posting of the unofficial results.
- 4. As soon as possible after Voting Day, the Clerk shall declare the Official Results using the "Declaration of Election Results" form and post the result at the Municipal Office and on the Municipal website.
- Notice of election results for each school board race shall be provided to the responsible Municipal Office for each of the elections using the "Notice of School Boards Results" form.

#### Section 19 - Recounts

- 1. A recount, under Sections 56, 57 and 58 of the MEA, shall be conducted in the same manner as the original count, as per Section 60(1) of the MEA, unless ordered otherwise by a judge under Section 60(3) of the MEA.
- 2. A recount is required when:
  - a) there is a tie vote where both or all candidates cannot be declared elected (automatic)
  - b) by resolution of Council (for Council offices)
  - c) by order of the Superior Court of Justice
- 3. Within thirty (30) days after the Clerk's declaration of the results, a Council, local/school board may pass a resolution or the Minister may make an order requiring a recount. The recount must be held within fifteen (15) days after the resolution is passed or the order is made. An order of the Minister must be made within the same timeframe. The incoming Council is no longer able to make a decision on a recount.
- 4. A person who is entitled to vote in an election who has reasonable grounds to believe the election results are in doubt may apply to the Superior Court of Justice for an order directing the Clerk to hold a recount.
- 5. The votes for candidates to be included in the recount are as follows:
  - a) in a recount for a tied vote, the votes cast for candidates who are tied
  - b) in a recount being conducted under the authority of a council resolution, the votes cast for candidates named in the resolution (all or specified candidates)
  - c) in a recount being conducted under the authority of a court order, the votes cast for candidates named in the order (all or specified candidates)
- 6. Pursuant to Section 7(3) and (4), the costs incurred by the Clerk to conduct a recount are to be paid by the Municipality. Any expenses incurred by a candidate will be the sole responsibility of the candidate (i.e. legal counsel in attendance on behalf of candidate).
- 7. The Clerk conducts all recounts for Municipal elections for which he or she is responsible except recounts conducted by the Superior Court of Justice upon appeal.
- 8. In accordance with Section 56(2) of the MEA, a recount shall be held within fifteen (15) days after the Clerk's declaration of the results of the election at the Municipal Office, 1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON.
- 9. Notification of the recount shall be provided in accordance with the MEA on the "Notice of Recount" form.
- 10. Pursuant to Section 61(1) of the MEA, the following persons will be authorized to attend the recount:

- a) the Clerk and any other Election Official appointed for the recount
- b) every certified candidate for the office involved
- c) the applicant in the case of a recount ordered under Section 58 of the MEA
- d) legal counsel for any of the above
- e) each certified candidate for the office involved or an applicant may appoint a scrutineer for the recount
- 11. The Clerk shall request Simply Voting Inc. to re-tabulate the results for the office(s) which are subject to the recount and further, request that the results be set out by polling subdivisions. Simply Voting Inc. will send the recount results by facsimile transmission or electronic mail to the Clerk. These results will then be compared to the results tabulated at the close of polls on Voting Day.
- 12. Upon receipt of the final results of the recount, the Clerk shall announce the results of the recount and, in the event of a tied vote, Section 62(3) of the MEA shall apply, as follows:
  - "If the recount indicates that two or more candidates who cannot both or all be declared elected to an office have received the same number of votes, the Clerk shall choose the successful candidate or candidates by lot."
- 13. In the event that a tied vote occurs after the statutory recount, the following procedure shall be followed:
  - a) the Clerk shall determine the texture and quality of the paper used for this process and each candidate or the candidate's lawyer and/or scrutineer will have an opportunity to examine the paper to be used to inscribe the names of the candidates;
  - b) the Clerk shall inscribe the name of each candidate on a similar sized paper and the candidate(s), the candidate's lawyer and/or scrutineer, without touching the paper, examine same. In addition, all person's present will have the opportunity to examine the box which will be used for conducting the lot;
  - c) upon completion and acceptance by all candidates of the foregoing process [subsections (a) and (b)], the Clerk shall fold the papers bearing each candidate's name twice in two (2) equal parts and deposit said papers, in full view of all persons present and authorized to attend, in an open-ended box acceptable to all persons present. In the event of a conflict or differing opinion on the selection of the box, the Clerk shall determine the box to be used to conduct the lot.
  - d) the Clerk shall then hold the box and, without looking into the box, ensure that the contents have been displaced sufficiently and then request the Municipal solicitor to draw only one (1) or the required number of papers for the purpose of determining the successful candidate(s).
  - e) The Municipal solicitor shall then directly hand to the Clerk, the selected and required number of papers and the Clerk shall read aloud the name of the candidate(s) and proceed to declare this or these individuals as elected.
  - f) Once completed, the Municipal solicitor shall remove the remaining contents from the box and provide an opportunity for all persons present to examine these slips of papers including the box itself.

g) The results of the selection by lot will be posted in the Municipal Office and on the Municipal website by 12 noon on the day following the selection by lot being completed. The Clerk shall notify, in writing, those required of the results.

#### **Section 20 - Candidates Final Disclosure**

At least thirty (30) days before the filing date, but no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2023, the Clerk shall give to every candidate whose nomination was filed, by registered mail, notice of all of the filing requirements and penalties as set out in Sections 88 and 92 of the MEA. The notice shall be given on the "Notice to Candidate of Filing Requirements" form.

A "Notice of Default" form shall be sent, by registered mail, to any candidate who has not submitted the Financial Statement form on March 30, 2023.

A candidate is entitled to receive a refund of the nomination filing fee if:

- a) the nomination is withdrawn
- b) the candidate is elected to the office
- c) the candidate receives more than 2% of the votes cast
- d) the documents required under Section 88.25(1) are filed on or before 2:00 p.m. on the filing date in accordance with that subsection as of December 31, 2022.

Refunds will be processed by the end of the election year.

#### Section 21 – After Voting Day

- 1. At no time after Voting Day shall any information regarding the electors and PINs come together to allow anyone to know how an elector had voted.
- 2. All election materials shall be destroyed in accordance with the provisions set out in Section 88 of the MEA.

#### Section 22 - Emergencies

Pursuant to the MEA, Section 53, an emergency shall be declared in the event of a flood, fire or power failure in the Municipality or acute illness or accident by the Clerk and/or her designate which prevents her/them from conducting the election in accordance with the MEA. Upon declaring an emergency, the Clerk shall make such arrangements as deemed advisable for the conduct of the election. The arrangements made by the Clerk, if they are consistent with the principles of the Act, prevail over anything in the Act and the regulations and, if made in good faith, shall not be reviewed or set aside on account of unreasonableness or supposed unreasonableness.

The emergency continues until the Clerk declares that it has ended.

The Clerk shall provide notice of said emergency to the best of her ability and in keeping with the circumstances. If required, the Clerk may consider alternate options for any part of the election process.

In the event that the Clerk and/or her designate is unable to be present to conduct procedures on Voting Day, there shall be a substitute qualified person appointed or available to attend to said election matters.

In the event of such an emergency, the Clerk shall advertise on local radio stations, post notices, if possible, advising that the election has been delayed and the anticipated extent of that delay.

Further, the Clerk shall direct Simply Voting Inc. as to what actions will be undertaken.

#### **Section 23 – Compliance Audit Committee**

A council shall, before October 1 of an election year, establish a committee for the purposes of the MEA.

The Clerk shall review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a candidate to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits under Section 88.9 of the MEA.

The Clerk shall prepare a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limited under Section 88.9 of the Act, and:

- a) if the contributor's total contributions to a candidate for office on a council appear to exceed the limit under Section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to the candidate
- b) if the contributor's total contributions to two or more candidates for office on the same council appears to exceed the limited under Section 88.9, the report shall set out the contributions made by that contributor to all candidates for office on the same council.

The Clerk shall prepare a separate report in respect of each contributor who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits under Section 88.9 and shall forward each report to the Compliance Audit Committee.

Within thirty (30) days after receiving a report regarding Contributions to Candidates, the Compliance Audit Committee shall consider and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against a contributor for an apparent contravention.

An elector who is entitled to vote in an election and believes on reasonable grounds that a candidate who is registered in relation to the election in the municipality has contravened a provision of the Act relating to election campaign finances may apply for a compliance audit of the Candidate's election campaign finances even if the Candidate has not filed a final statement using the "Compliance Audit Application" form.

Within ten (10) days after receiving the Compliance Audit Application, the Clerk shall forward the application to the Compliance Audit Committee.

Within ten (10) days after receiving the Auditor's Report, if applicable, the Clerk shall forward the application to the Compliance Audit Committee.

#### **Section 24 - Third Party Advertising**

#### **Campaign Period**

Contributions can only be made to a registered third party for third party advertisements during the campaign period according to Section 88.12 of the MEA. A third-party advertiser that is registered can only incur expenses during the campaign period. The campaign period is determined by the application of the following rules:

- ✓ begins on the date that the third-party registers for the election (registration must be certified by the Clerk)
- ✓ ends on January 3, 2023

If the third-party advertiser becomes involved in a compliance audit after the campaign ends on December 31, 2022, the campaign may be recommenced. Once the third-party advertiser notifies the Clerk of the campaign period recommencement, the Clerk shall pay the third-party advertiser any surplus being held in trust for the candidate, together with interest.

#### Filing Requirements

All registered third-party advertisers are required to file a financial statement using the prescribed form. Candidates whose campaign contributions are each equal to or less than \$10,000.00 are not required to file an auditor's reports with the financial statement. A registered third-party advertiser whose campaign contributions in the municipality are \$10,000.00 or whose total campaign expenses exceed \$10,000.00 are required to file an auditor's report with the financial statement.

The registered third-party advertiser must file his/her financial statements and auditor's report using the prescribed forms by Friday March 31, 2023 for the filing period ending December 31, 2022. At the time of writing of this manual, the prescribed forms have not been released by the Province.

If a financial statement is filed prior to the filing date and then an error is noticed, they can withdraw the statement and refile the financial statement and auditor's report by March 31, 2023.

Third-party advertisers also have a maximum amount for parties, etc., after Voting Day. For the 2022 election, the prescribed formula will use the number of electors on Nomination Day from the 2018 election. The Clerk is to calculate the maximum amount no later than Monday, September 26, 2022. When a third-party advertiser originally

registers, the Clerk is to provide a certificate setting out the maximum amount for parties, etc. after Voting Day.

#### Application by Third Party for Extension of Filing Date

The registered third-party advertiser may, before the last day for filing a financial statement under Section 88.30 of the MEA, apply to the Ontario Court of Justice to extend the time for filing the document. The court may grant an extension of up to ninety (90) days. The third party shall notify the Clerk in writing before 2:00 p.m. on the last day for filing a financial statement under Sections 88(29) and (32) that an application has been made.

#### **Clerk to Give Notice**

The Clerk shall give notice of all of the filing requirements and penalties, under Section 88(27)(1) and 92(4), to every third-party advertiser at least thirty (30) days before the filing date. Before Voting Day, the Clerk is also required under Section 33.1 to give notice of the penalties related to election campaign finances.

#### Campaign Period Deficit (Section 88.24 (4))

If the third-party advertiser has a deficit at the time that the election campaign period would otherwise end and the third-party advertiser has notified the Clerk in writing on or before December 31, 2022 the campaign period is extended until the earliest of:

- a) June 30<sup>th</sup> in the year following the regular election
- b) The day that the third-party advertiser notifies the Clerk in writing that he/she/it will not accept further contributions
- c) The day A equals the total of B and C, where:
  - A = any further contributions
  - B = the expenses incurred during the extension of the campaign period
  - C = the amount of the registered third party's deficit at the start of the election campaign period

#### **Supplementary Reporting Periods/Filing Dates**

Supplementary filing dates apply where the election campaign period has been extended. The supplementary reporting period is the six (6) month period following the year of the election or, in the case of a by-election, the supplementary reporting period is the six (6) month period following the 45<sup>th</sup> day after Voting Day.

Where a third-party advertiser's campaign period continues, he/she/it shall file a supplementary financial statement (including the auditor's report if required) for the supplementary reporting period on or before 2:00 p.m. on the last Friday in September in the year following the election (Section 88. 29-30). It should be noted that even if a campaign has been extended, a third-party advertiser is required to file the initial financial statement for the reporting period ending December 31, 2022.

#### **Campaign Surplus**

When a third-party advertiser's financial statement (or supplementary financial statement) indicates an election campaign surplus at the end of the campaign period, the entire surplus amount shall be paid to the Clerk at the time of filing and the Clerk shall hold the monies in trust. If the registered third-party advertiser subsequently incurs expenses related to a compliance audit, the Clerk shall pay the amount held in trust, with interest, to the third party according to Section 33(32) of the MEA.

The surplus becomes the property of the municipality when all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

- a) the campaign period has ended under Section 88(28)
- b) it is no longer possible to recommence the campaign period under Section 88(28)
- c) no compliance audit proceeding has been commenced
- d) the period for commencing a compliance audit proceeding has expired

#### **Third-Party Filing Default**

A registered third-party advertiser cannot participate in the next regular election if:

- a) he/she did not file his/her financial statement
- b) the financial statement shows that the third-party advertiser exceeded his/her expense limit, or
- c) if a document filed under Section 88(32) has a surplus and the third-party advertiser registered has not paid the surplus to the Clerk by the relevant date

#### Clerk to Give Notice of Default

The Clerk is required to notify the registered third-party advertiser in writing that a default has occurred and explain the nature of the default. The Clerk shall also make this information public.

#### Section 25 - Auditor

The Clerk may appoint an auditor who will assist the Clerk to ensure that the election is conducted in accordance with the Municipal Election Act.

If the Clerk appoints an auditor, then the Clerk will amend these procedures to provide for the responsibilities and actions to be undertaken by the auditor and shall immediately notify all certified candidates.

#### Section 26 - Election Records

All election materials shall be destroyed in accordance with the provisions set out in Section 88 of the MEA.

Having returned all pertinent documents to the Municipality, Simply Voting Inc. shall confirm, in writing, the destruction of all records in its possession.

The documents shall not be destroyed if:

- 1) a court orders that they be retained
- 2) a recount has been commenced and not completely disposed of

The Clerk shall retain candidates' financial statements and auditors' report(s) until the members of council elected at the next regular election have taken office.

#### Section 27 - COVID-19 Protocol

Under Section 22 of this document and the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as amended (MEA), section 53(1) authorizes the Clerk to declare an emergency if he or she is of the opinion that circumstances have arisen that are likely to prevent the election being conducted in accordance with this Act.

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie will continue to follow the direction of the Province of Ontario and Grey Bruce Health Unit to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

#### Schedule A

#### **Acceptable Voter Identification**

- An Ontario Driver's Licence
- An Ontario Health Card (photo card)
- An Ontario Photo Card
- An Ontario motor vehicle permit (vehicle portion)
- A cancelled personalized cheque
- A mortgage statement, lease or rental agreement relating to property in Ontario
- An insurance policy or insurance statement
- A local agreement or other financial agreement with a financial institution
- A document issued or certified by a court in Ontario
- Any other document from the Government of Canada, Ontario or a municipality in Ontario or from an agency or such a government
- Any document from a Band Council in Ontario established under The Indian Act (Canada)
- An income tax assessment notice
- A Child Tax Benefit statement
- A statement of Employment Insurance Benefits Paid (T4E)
- A statement of Old Age Security (OAS) (T4A)
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- A Canada Pension Plan Statement of Contributions
- A statement of Direct Deposit for Ontario Works
- A statement of Direct Deposit for Ontario Disability Support Program
- A Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Statement of Benefits (T5007)
- A property tax assessment notice
- A credit card statement, bank account statement or RRSP, RROF, RHOSP or T4 statement
- A CNIB card or a card from another registered charitable organization that provides services to persons with disabilities
- A hospital card or record
- A document showing campus residence, issued by the office or officials responsible for student residence at a post-secondary institution
- A document showing residence at a long-term care home under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, issued by the Administrator for the home
- A utility bill for hydro, water, gas, telephone or cable TV or a bill from a public utilities commission
- A cheque stub, T4 statement or pay receipt issued by an employer
- A transcript or report card from a post-secondary school

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Approved by the Clerk/Returning Officer on January 31, 2022.

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# NOTICE TO ELECTORS- BY-LAWS OR QUESTIONS<sup>1</sup>

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.8(6))

NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the

(NAME OF MUNICIP	ALITY)
The Council of the (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY) has authorizing the following question to be placed on the be held on Monday October 22, 2018.  -or-	
The (NAME OF LOCAL BOARD) has passed Resolution following question to be placed on the ballot in the remarks of the ballot in the ballot in the remarks of the ballot in the remarks of the ballot in th	
The Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Province of question to be placed on the ballot in the municipal October 22, 2018.	
On the question of (State issue in general terms	)
Are you in favour of (State issue in detail)?	
YES NO	
Dated thisday of	, 2022.
	Municipal Clerk or designate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Councils have no jurisdiction over questions placed on the ballot by local boards or by the Minister. Clerks may wish to augment the above notice with directions to the elector where additional information and enquiries may be made.

# LIST OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES<sup>2</sup>

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s.11(4)2

# **NOTICE** is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the

(NAME OF MUNICIPALITY(s))

That during the period commencing on May 2, 2022 and completed on Nomination Day, August 19, 2022, the following persons filed all necessary papers, declarations and fees and as Clerk, I am satisfied that such persons are qualified and that their Nominations satisfy the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. I have, therefore, certified such candidates for the office, which follows their respective name:

NAME OF CANDIDATE	OFFICE
Dated thisday of	,2022
	Municipal Clerk or designate

<sup>2</sup> This form may be used by the clerk responsible for nominations, to advise clerks in other municipalities who are responsible for conducting a vote for candidates elected across more than one municipal jurisdiction (e.g. shared school trustee positions).

# **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS<sup>3</sup>**

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s.11.4(3)

I hereby certify that during the municipal election held on Monday, October 24, 2022, for the offices listed below, the certified candidates received the votes that follow their respective names:

Name of Candidate	Office	Votes
Dated thisday of	,2022	
		Municipal Clerk or designate

<sup>3</sup> This form may be used to report election results from one municipality to another municipality for candidates elected across more than one municipal jurisdiction (e.g. shared School Trustee positions).

# APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF AN ELECTION OFFICIAL<sup>6</sup>

Municip	al Elections Act, 1996 (s.15(2))
Ward No.(if applicable):	Voting Subdivision No.(one or more as applicable):
Municipality:	
Name of Person Appointed as Elec	ction Official:
for the above Voting Subdivision in tresponsibilities of an Assistant Retu	appointed an Election Official (Assistant Returning Officer) this municipality and in addition to the duties and rning Officer as provided in the Municipal Elections Act, ving duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Municipal
<ul> <li>authority to amend the Voter and/or correct erroneous info</li> </ul>	s' List to add an Elector, remove an Elector's own name ormation;
<ul> <li>authority to require a person matter.</li> </ul>	to furnish proof of identity, qualifications or any other
<ul> <li>authority to approve or deny</li> </ul>	applications for revision to the Voters' List;
<ul> <li>authority to issue replaceme</li> </ul>	nt Personal Identification Numbers to electors;
<ul> <li>authority to assist voters at a '</li> </ul>	Voter Assistance Centre;
authority to receive election i	results as they are reported on Election Day.
	Municipal Clerk or designat
I, the person named above, solemnl	y swear (or affirm) that I will:
<ul> <li>act faithfully in the capacity of required by law without partic</li> </ul>	of Assistant Returning Officer and perform all the duties ality, fear or affection,
<ul> <li>maintain and aid in maintaini</li> </ul>	ing the secrecy of the voting and,
ballot, obtain or communicat	nterfere with an elector when she/he is marking her/his e any information as to how an elector is about to vote or ectly induce an elector to show her/his marked ballot to any
Declared before me at the (Name ofday of,20	Municipality), in the (Name of Upper Tier, if applicable), this 22.
Municipal Clerk or designate	Election Official

<sup>6</sup> This form includes some suggested tasks to be delegated to the Election Official. It may be amended to reflect the duties the Clerk wishes to delegate to the Election Official.

# Form EL12(A)

# APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE

# Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Candidate					
Name of Can	Name of Candidate (please print)				
Candidate for	r the Office of (check one)				
☐ Mayor					Public District School Board
☐ Local an	d Regional Councillor, Ward	s			Catholic District School Board
☐ Councille	or, Ward	-			French Public District School Board
					French Catholic District School Board
Scrutineer	Appointment				
Name of Scru	utineer Appointed (please print)				
Lannaint tha	individual noted above as a	acrutinaar t	to represent m	o in the (munic	cipality) 2022 Municipal Election.
т арроппі піе	illulviduai floted above as a	scrutineer t	o represent in	e in the (munic	прашу) 2022 минипран Елеспон.
Date			Signature o	f Candidate	
this	day of	, 2022			
Instructions	to Scrutineer				
<ul> <li>A candidate who enters a Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location is considered to be a scrutineer.</li> <li>Scrutineers arriving at a Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location must show this form and personal identification to the election officials.</li> <li>Scrutineers arriving at a Voter Assistance Centre must also take an oath of secrecy.</li> <li>Only one scrutineer per candidate may be at a Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location.</li> </ul>					
Rights and F	Prohibitions				
<ul> <li>Scrutineers and candidates can:</li> <li>Be present at the start of polling to verify and ensure that all candidates' names are listed and that no votes have been cast and shall be required to sign the "Activation of Voting System" form that attests to this fact.</li> <li>Observe the voting process at a Voter Assistance Centre, but shall not interfere with the electors.</li> <li>Observe the receipt of the voting results at the Receiving Location, but shall not interfere with the process.</li> <li>Enter the Receiving Location 15 minutes before the designated time.</li> <li>Sign the Election Results (supplied by the provider).</li> <li>In the event of a recount, Section 61 of the Act prescribes the number of scrutineers entitled to be present and their rights.</li> </ul>					

#### Scrutineers and candidates cannot:

- Campaign in a Voter Assistance Centre.
- Attempt, directly or indirectly, to interfere with how an elector votes.
- Display campaign material (including buttons, pins, etc.) in a Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location.
- Compromise the secrecy of the voting.
- Obtain or attempting to obtain, in a Voter Assistance Centre, any information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Communicate any information obtained at a Voter Assistance Centre about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.
- Park a vehicle displaying campaign material in the parking lot of a Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location.

#### Note:

- It is no longer mandatory that scrutineers be 16 years of age or older to work at an election.
- The Clerk is responsible for the conduct of the Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with the Clerk in the discharge of their duties.
- Any who is creating a disturbance at a Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location will be removed as directed by the Clerk.
- Scrutineers/candidates who wish to have a discussion with another candidate or scrutineer must leave the Voter Assistance Centre to carry on their discussion elsewhere.
- Cell phones shall be turned off upon entering the Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location and their use is prohibited while in the Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location.
- Scrutineers/candidates wishing to observe the receipt of the voting results MUST be at the Receiving Location prior to the time designated by the Clerk (8:00 p.m. on Voting Day). No one will be admitted to the Receiving Location after the time designated. Once admitted to the Receiving Location, no one shall be permitted to leave until the election results (supplied by the provider) have been received and signed by all in attendance.
- The total of votes cast for each candidate as tabulated by the system is final. The Clerk is not required to do a second count.

# **ORAL OATH OF SECRECY**

I,	, do solemnly swear (or affirm): (state name)
	That I will maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting; and That I will not, nor attempt to:
	<ul> <li>interfere with an elector when he/she is marking his/her ballot;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>obtain or communicate any information as to how an elector is about to vote or has voted; or</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>directly or indirectly induce an elector to show his/her marked ballot to any person.</li> </ul>

# TO BE DECLARED BY ANY SCRUTINEER OR CANDIDATE WISHING TO REMAIN AT THE VOTER ASSISTANCE CENTRE

# **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER**

Re: By-laws or Questions

Municipal Election Act, 1996 (s.16 (2))

Moved by	Resolution No
Seconded by	
specific question or by-law) during voting Municipal Elections to be held on October	opointsto act as n (or local board, etc.) with respect to (insert g or at the counting of votes in respect of the
I hereby certify the above to be a true co etc.) of the (name of Municipality, local bof,2022.	ppy of a resolution of the Council (or local board, poard, etc.) passed on the
	Municipal Clerk (or Secretary), or designate
	(Name of Municipality, local board, etc.)

This form must be signed by the Clerk (or Secretary) of the Municipality (or local board, etc.) and may be required to be shown to an Election Official at the Voter Assistance Centre or Receiving Location. Failure to show proof of appointment may result in a direction to you to leave.

#### **Instructions to Scrutineer**

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### CANDIDATE'S DECLARATION- PROPER USE OF VOTERS' LIST

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.23(4) (5)) I, being a candidate for the office of , hereby request the Clerk to provide me with the following information when it becomes available: an electronic copy of the Voters' List. Please note that a copy of all revisions made to the Voters' List will be provided on or before Monday, September 26, 2022. electronic access to view the Voters' List and which electors have voted. I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to use the Voters' List for election purposes only and I understand that I am prohibited by the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 from using the Voters' List for commercial purposes. Signature: Date

(please print)

Name: \_

# **FORM EL15**

Application to Amend	Voters' List Municipal	Elections Act, 1996 (s.17, s.24, s.25) Form EL15	
Check only one add applicant's name to list correct applicant's information on list			
☐ delete applicant's	or family member's name from	I list (  deceased  moved  other)	
Name of applicant		date of birth	
last	first	middle	
Qualifying address on voting day	☐ commercial property	At qualifying address, applicant is:	
street number & name apt. #	roll number (if house apartment, indicate floor level - e.g. bas	owner since tenant since other since other since spouse or s.s.p. date unqualified (deleted name only)	
Previous qualifying address (if applic	rable)	At previous address, applicant was:	
street number & name apt.#	roll number	ward voting number subdiv. owner tenant other spouse ors.s.p.	
city postal code	(if house apartment, indicate floor level - e.g. base	ement, 1st floor, etc.)	
Current mailing address of applica	nt (if different than Qualifying address at	ove) At mailing address, applicant is:	
street number & name	apt. / unit # city	owner tenant postal code other	
School Support  Applicant is Roman Catholic (includes Greek & Ukrainian Catholics)  Applicant has French Language Education Rights			
Applicant wishes to be an elector for the following school board  English-Public (anyone can support English-public)  English-Separate (must be Roman Catholic)  French-Public (must have French Language Education Rights)  French-Separate (must be Roman Catholic & have French Language Education Rights)			
on Voting Day, I am entitled to be an elector in ac	cordance with the facts or information :	age of eighteen (18) on or before Voting Day, and that submitted on this form, and that I understand the effect List in accordance with such facts or information.	
signature of applicant	date		
This information is collected under authority of s.17, s.24 and s.25	5 of the Municipal Elections Act and s.15 and s.16 c	f the Assessment Act and will be used to determine voter eligibility.	
Certificate of Approval (to be completed by	y Clerk or designate)	Refused (state reason)	
Approved I hereby certify that the Voters' List for said voting amended in accordance with the statement of fa			
signature of clerk or designate	date	MPAC-12/06/02	

#### Form EL16

(Prepare in triplicate)

### APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF ANOTHER'S NAME FROM VOTERS' LIST

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 25) Municipality Surname of Applicant Given Names Full Address of Residence Postal Code Apt# IN RESPECT OF Name as Entered in Voters' List Full Address of Residence Apt # Postal Code ENTERED ON LIST FOR Ward No. (if any) Voting Subdivision No. (if Assessment Roll Number (to be completed by Clerk or designated any) election official) STATEMENT BY APPLICANT I, the undersigned, hereby state: That I have good reason to believe that the person named above as entered on the Voters' List for the said voting subdivision in this municipality is not entitled to be an elector and to have her/his name entered on the Voters' List. (signature of applicant) (date signed)

#### NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.32)

# **NOTICE** is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY)

Nominations in the (Name of Municipality) for the offices of:

# (LIST OF MUNICIPAL POSITIONS) (LIST OF POSITIONS ON LOCAL BOARDS) (LIST OF SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS SHARED WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES)

(with directions for filing nominations)

may be made by completing and filing in the office of the Clerk, nominations on the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for the Head of Council and \$100 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, certified cheque, money order or electronic payment if specified by the Clerk.

A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent during regular business hours between May 2, 2022, and August 18, 2022, and between 9 am and 2 pm on August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day).

In the event there are an insufficient number of certified candidates to fill all positions available, nominations will be reopened for the vacant positions only on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm and such additional nominations, ifrequired, may be filed in the office of the Clerk.

Electors are hereby given notice that if a greater number of candidates are certified than are required to fill the said offices, voting will occur from (*Start of Voting Period*) until Monday, October 24, 2022 at 8:00 pm.

0000

Dated this	_Day of	,2022
Municipal Clerk or	designate	

D ( 101:

## NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.33(5))

Take Notice that the number of candidates for the office of XX was not sufficient to fill the number of vacancies to which candidates may be elected.

And Further Take Notice that the Clerk may receive and certify additional nominations for the remaining vacancies in the Clerk's Office between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on August 24, 2022, subject to the provisions of Subsection 33(5) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.

Offices for Which Persons May	be Nominated:
	to be elected.
(Office)	(Number)
in Section 33 of the Municipal Elec	manner in which nominations shall be filed is set forth ctions Act, 1996. Nomination forms and full particulars be obtained from the undersigned.
Dated thisDay of	,2022
Municipal Clerk or designate	

# WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION<sup>1011</sup>

WITHDRAWAE OF NOMINATION		
Municipal Electi	ons Act, 1996 (s.36)	
I,(Name of Candidate)	, hereby withdraw my name as a candidate	
for the office of(Name of Elected	Office)	
Date	Signature of Candidate	
THIS WITHDRAWAL DELIVERED TO ME	E AT (time)	
THISDAY OF	,2012.	

Municipal Clerk or designate

<sup>10</sup> A person who has been nominated may withdraw his or her nomination by filing a written withdrawal in the Clerk's office by 2 pm on Nomination Day (August 19, 2022) if the nomination was filed on or before Nomination Day and by 2 pm on August 24, 2022, if the nomination was filed under subsection 33(5).

<sup>11</sup> Clerk may want to require a candidate to appear in person, with identification in order to withdraw their nomination. If not, then anytime that a nomination withdrawal is submitted by someone other than the nominee, the Clerk should follow up to ensure that the withdrawal was submitted with the nominee's permission.

# **DECLARATION OF ACCLAMATION TO OFFICE**

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 37(1))

I hereby declare the certified candidates listed below to be acclaimed to the office that follows their respective names pursuant to Section 37 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996:

Name of Certified Candidate	Office	
5 ( ) ()	0040	
Dated thisday of	,2012	
	Municipal Clerk or designal	_ :e

# NOTICE OF DEATH/INELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATE

Munici	ipal Elections Act, 199	6 (s.39 (a) and (b))
Notice is hereby given that	(name of car	a candidate ndidate)
for the office ofto hold the office.		has died/become ineligible
	ction for this office s	
or		
		other candidate would be elected by eve office is void and a by-election
Dated thisday of	<del>.</del>	,2022.
		Municipal Clerk or designate

# CERTIFICATE OF THE VOTERS' LIST<sup>12</sup>

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.28(1))

I hereby certify that the attached Voters' List contains the names of persons entitled to vote at the Municipal Elections to be held on Monday, October 24, 2022, for the voting subdivision(s) set out below:

Municipality		
Ward No (if applicable)	Voting Subdivision No(s) (if applicable)	
Dated thisday of	,2022.	
	Municipal Clerk or designate	

<sup>12</sup> The Voters' List for use in the Voting Subdivision should be prepared as late as possible so that as many revisions made to the List as possible can be included. Clerks may choose to create this List from a computer database.

# SAMPLE NOTICE OF ELECTION INFORMATION (FOR NEWSPAPER AD)

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.40)

Municipal Elections in the (Name of Municipality) for the offices of:

(LIST OF MUNICIPAL POSITIONS)
(LIST OF POSITIONS ON LOCAL BOARDS)
(LIST OF SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS SHARED WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES)

will be held on the 24th day of October, 2022

- information and directions on the manner of alternative voting
- location, dates and times on which Voter Assistance Centres will be open
- additional information as appropriate to the circumstance

(date)	Municipal Clerk or designate

#### ORAL OATHS AT VOTER ASSISTANCE CENTRE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

### **ORAL OATH OF FRIEND OF ELECTOR**

- I, (name of friend), a friend of (name of elector), an elector who is unable to vote without assistance, and who is entitled to vote in this municipality declare that I will:
  - mark the ballot as directed by the elector; and
  - keep secret the manner in which this elector voted.

# ORAL OATH OF INTERPRETER

I, (name of interpreter) acting as interpreter for (name of elector), an elector entitled to vote in this municipality, declare that I will faithfully translate the necessary oaths as well as any lawful questions necessarily put to the elector and his/her answers at this voting place.

# **ORAL OATH OF VOTE WITH ASSISTANCE**

I, (name of elector) being an elector entitled to vote in this municipality of (insert municipality) swear or solemnly affirm I require assistance to mark my ballot.

# DECLARATION OF ELECTED CANDIDATE<sup>18</sup>

	I	Municipal El	ections Ac	t, 1996 (s. 55(4) a)
I, (name of C	lerk or desigr	nate)	, C	Clerk (or designated election official)
of the Corp	oration of the	·	of	
in the		of		
	elected as a r	result of the	Municipal	didate or candidates Election held October 24, 2022
		NI BODY	(Council, 3	School Board, etc.)
	FICE			ELECTED CANDIDATE
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
Date	 e			Municipal Clerk or designate

<sup>18</sup> The Clerk shall as soon as possible after Voting Day declare the candidate or candidates who received the highest number of votes to be elected (s.55(4) a)

# **DECLARATION OF RESULTS - BY-LAWS OR QUESTIONS<sup>19</sup>**

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 55(4) b)
Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (S. 55(4) b)
I,, Clerk (or designated election official) (name of Clerk or designate)
(name of Clerk or designate)
of the Corporation of theof
in theof
declare the following results in respect to
(State by-law or question)
conducted in the Municipal Election held October 24, 2022.
BY-LAW OR QUESTION OPTION
YES
NO
Date Municipal Clerk or designate

<sup>19</sup> The Clerk shall as soon as possible after Voting Day declare the results of any by-law or question voting held during the municipal election (s.55(4) b)

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS REGULATING VOTING PROCEDURES<sup>20</sup>

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.48, 49)

#### **Prohibition**

s.48(1)

While an elector is in a voting place, no person shall attempt, directly or indirectly, to influence how the elector votes.

# **No Election Campaign Material**

s.48(2)

Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), no person shall display a candidate's election campaign material or literature in a voting place.

## Secrecy

s.49(1)

Every person who is present in a voting place or at the counting of the votes shall help to maintain the secrecy of the voting.

#### **Offences**

s.49(2)

No person shall,

- (a) interfere or attempt to interfere with an elector who is marking the ballot;
- (b) obtain or attempt to obtain, at a voting place, information about how an elector intends to vote or has voted: or
- (c) communicate any information obtained at a voting place about how an elector intends to vote or has voted.

### Same, Revealing a Vote

s.49(3)

No elector shall,

- (a) take a photograph or video recording of his or her marked ballot: or
- (b) show his or her marked ballot to any person so as to reveal how he or she has voted, except in connection with obtaining assistance in voting under paragraph 4 of subsection 52(1).

### No Requirement of Disclosure

s.49(4)

No person shall, in a legal proceeding relating to an election, be required to disclose how he or she voted at the election.

<sup>20</sup> The Clerk may post copies of this notice in the voting place

# NOTICE OF OFFENCE NOTICE OF CORRUPT PRACTICE<sup>21</sup>

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 89)

Section 89 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 provides that a person is guilty of an offence, if he or she,

- (a) votes without being entitled to do so;
- (b) votes more times than the Act allows;
- (c) votes in a voting place in which he or she is not entitled to vote;
- (d) induces or procures a person to vote when that person is not entitled to do so;
- (e) having appointed a voting proxy that remains in force, votes otherwise than by the proxy;
- (f) having been appointed a voting proxy, votes under the authority of the proxy when the elector has cancelled the proxy, is no longer entitled to vote, or has died;
- (g) before or during an election, publishes a false statement of a candidate's withdrawal:
- (h) furnishes false or misleading information to a person whom this Act authorizes to obtain information;
- (i) without authority, supplies a ballot to anyone;
- (j) delivers to the deputy returning officer to be placed in a ballot box a paper other than the ballot the deputy returning officer gave him or her;
- (k) takes a ballot away from the voting place;
- (I) at an election, takes, opens or otherwise deals with a ballot, a ballot box, or a book or package of ballots without having the authority to do so;
- (m) attempts to do something described in clauses (a) to (I)

Section 90 of the said Act provides that if, when a person is convicted of an offence under Section 89, the presiding judge finds that the offence was committed knowingly, the offence also constitutes a corrupt practice.

<sup>21</sup> The Clerk may choose to post this notice in the voting place.

Form EL36

(prepare in triplicate)

#### DISCLAIMER TO RIGHT TO OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act,	1996 (s. 84 (1) - (3))
I, (Name of Elected Candidate)	, hereby disclaim all right to the office of
(Name of Elected Office)	_to which I was elected in the Municipal
Election of October 24, 2022.	
Date	Signature of Candidate
THIS DISCLAIMER DELIVERED TO I	ME AT(time) THIS
DAY OF	,2022.
Municipal Clerk or designate	

NOTE: A person who has been elected may disclaim all right to the office within 90 days after Voting Day unless an application is made under s. 83(1)(b) questioning his or her election (s. 84(1)). The disclaimer shall be in writing and addressed to the Clerk who conducted the election (s. 84(2)).

A person whose election is questioned in an application under s. 83(1)(b) may, within seven days after being served with the application, disclaim all right to the office (s. 84(3)). The disclaimer shall be made and delivered in accordance with section 84(4).

ALSO NOTE: Clerk may want to require the elected official to appear in person, with identification, in order to disclaim rights to an office. If not, anytime that a disclaimer is submitted by someone other than the elected official, the Clerk should follow up to ensure that the disclaimer was submitted with the elected official's permission.

# **CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM CAMPAIGN EXPENSES - CANDIDATE**

Municipal E	Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.20(13))		
TO:			
(Name of Candidate)	(Office)		
(Address)	(Postal Code)		
FROM:			
The Clerk, or designated election	official, of		
	(Name of Municipality)		
I hereby certify that the maximum incur for the office of	campaign expenses that a candidate is permitted to in the Municipal <sup>22</sup>		
Date	Municipal Clerk or designate		
In accordance with MEA, s.88.20(12)(13), the Clerk shall give candidates a preliminary calculation of the maximum campaign expenses at the time of filing the nomination paper, based upon the number of electors on the Voters' List as of Nomination Day of the previous election, including changes made that day.			
On or before September 26, 2022, the Clerk shall give a "final" certificate of the applicable maximum campaign expenses to each candidate. The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater of the number of electors for the office from the Voters' List as it existed on Nomination Day of the previous election, including changes made on that day, or the number of electors on September 15 in the current election, including changes made on that day.  Certificate to be given to candidate in accordance with Section 13.			

<sup>22</sup> Formula for calculation provided in Section 88.20(6) (15).

Form EL37(B)

# CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS OWN CAMPAIGN

OVVI	CAMPAIGN
Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.33.0.2, 88.9.1)	
TO:	
	1
(Name of Candidate)	(Office)
(Address)	(Postal Code)
FROM:	
The Clerk, or designated election official	l, of
(Nan	ne of Municipality)
I hereby certify that the maximum amount candidate is permitted to incur for the of October 24, 2022, is	in the Municipal Election to be held
Date	Municipal Clerk or designate
	shall give the candidate a preliminary calculation of the e's own campaign as of the filing date, using the number

In accordance with MEA, s.33.0.2(1), the Clerk shall give the candidate a preliminary calculation of the permitted amount of contributions to a candidate's own campaign as of the filing date, using the number of electors from the Voters' List as it existed on Nomination Day of the previous election, adjusted for applications under s.24 and s.25 that were approved as of that day. (s.88.9.1(7))

On or before September 26, 2022, the Clerk shall give the candidate a final calculation of the permitted amount of contributions to a candidate's own campaign. The number of electors to be used in this final calculation is to be the greater number of electors for the office from the Voters' List as it existed on Nomination Day of the previous election, adjusted for changes on that day or the number of electors on September 15 in the year of the current election, adjusted for changes made on that day.

In accordance with s.88.9.1(5), the Clerk is not required to give a certificate if the maximum amount is \$25,000.

Certificate to be given to candidate in accordance with Section 13.

# CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF EXPENSES FOR PARTIES ETC. - CANDIDATE

CANDIDATE	
Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.20(9)(13))	
TO:	
(Name of Candidate) / (Office)	
(Address) (Posta	l Code)
FROM:	
The Clerk, or designated election official, of	
 (Name of Municipality)	
I hereby certify that the maximum amount of expenses for parties, etc. that a call is permitted to incur for the office of Municipal Election to be held October 24, 2022, is	ndidate in the <sup>24</sup>
Date Municipal Clerk or designate	
In accordance with MEA, s., the 88.20(13), the Clerk shall give candidates a preliminary certifical maximum amount permitted on or before September 26, 2022.	ite of the
The formula to be used is the greater of the number of electors for the office on September 15 of previous election, adjusted for changes approved as of that day or the number of electors as it established to the september 15 in the 2022 municipal election, adjusted for changes made on that day.	
Certificate to be given to candidate in accordance with Section 13	

### WITNESS STATEMENTS AS TO DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS<sup>25</sup>

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88(2))

(Name of Municipality) in the (Name of County, District or Region)

FIRST WITNESS			
I state that I was present upon			
Istate that I was (name of witness)	(date)		
and did witness	of the above stated municipality		
and did witness(name of Clerk or designate	e)		
destroy all ballots used in the municipal election	of persons to the offices listed below.		
(Signature of Witness)			
SECOND WITNESS			
Istate that I was	present upon		
(name of witness)	(date)		
and did witness	of the above stated municipality		
(name of Clerk or designate	e)		
destroy all ballots used in the municipal election of persons to the offices listed below.			
	(Signature of Witness)		

<sup>25</sup> The Clerk shall retain the ballots and all other documents and materials related to an election for 120 days after declaring the results of the election under Section 55 and, unless there is a court order that they be retained or a recount has been commenced and not finally disposed of, shall then destroy the ballots in the presence of two witnesses (s.88). At the time of destroying the ballots pursuant to Section 88, other documents and other materials related to the Election (with exception of documents filed under Section 88.25, 88.29 and 88.32 may also be destroyed.

LIST OF OFFICES FOR WHICH BALLOTS DESTROYED:			
CATEGORY OF DOCUMENTS AN	D OTHER MATERIALS	3 DESTROYED:	

# NOTICE OF RECOUNT<sup>26</sup>

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.56-58)

Walliofal Eloc	101101, 1000 (0.00 00)
l,	, Clerk (or designated election official)
(name of Clerk or designate)	, Clerk (or designated election official)
of the C	orporation of the
of	in the
of	
hereby declare that a recount o	f the votes cast in the Municipal Election
held October 24, 2022, for	
11014 0010501 21, 2022, 101 _	(state office or by-law/question)
c	shall be held commencing aton
	(time)
at	 (location)
(date)	(location)
The recount is being conducted pursuar Act, 1996.	nt to sectionof the Municipal Elections
Date	
_	Municipal Clerk or designate

<sup>26</sup> A recount may be held pursuant to Sections 56, 57 or 58.

# **DECLARATION OF RECOUNT RESULTS**

	Municipal Ele	ections Act, 1996 (s. 62 (4))	
I,		, Clerk (or designated election official)	
of the	Corporation of the	of	
in the	0	declare that:	
(1)	On the day of the	,2022, I conducted a recount of	
	ballots cast in the Municipal Election held October 24, 2022, for:		
	- the office(s) of		
	- the following question or by-la	aw:	
(2)	No application has been made for a judicial recount under Section 63.		
(3)	The successful candidate(s) e	ected is/are:	
(4)	The result of the vote upon the question or by-law is:		
		(Date)	
		(Bato)	
		Municipal Clerk or designate	

#### NOTICE TO CANDIDATE OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.25)		
TO:		
	1	
(Name of Candidate)	(Office)	
(Address)	(Postal Code)	
FROM:		
The Clerk or designated election official of		
(Name of Municipa	 llity)	

TAKE NOTICE EVERY CANDIDATE SHALL FILE by March 31, 2023, with the Clerk with whom their nomination was filed a financial statement and auditor's report in accordance with s.88.25 of the Municipal Elections Act. 1996.

- 88.25 (1) On or before 2:00 p.m. on the filing date, a candidate shall file with the Clerk with whom the nomination was filed a financial statement and auditor's report, each in the prescribed form, reflecting the candidate's election campaign finances,
  - (a) in the case of a regular election, as of December 31 in the year of the election;
  - (b) in the case of a by-election, as of the 45<sup>th</sup> day after Voting Day.
  - (2) If a candidate's election campaign ends as described in paragraph 3 of subsection 88.24(1), the financial statement and auditor's report must reflect the candidate's election campaign finances as of the day the election campaign period ended.
  - (3) If an error is identified in a filed financial statement, the candidate may withdraw the statement and, at the same time, file a corrected financial statement and auditor's report on or before the applicable filing date under section 88.30.
  - (4) If the candidate's election campaign period continues during all or part of the supplementary reporting period, the candidate shall, before 2:00 pm on the supplementary filing date, file a supplementary financial statement and auditor's report for the supplementary reporting period.
  - (5) If a candidate's election campaign period ends as described in paragraph 3 of subsection 88.24(1) and the election campaign period continued during all or part of the supplementary reporting period, the candidate shall, before 2:00 pm on the supplementary filing date, file a supplementary financial statement and auditor's report for the period commencing on the day the candidate's election campaign period ends and including the six-month period following the year of the election.
  - (6) A supplementary financial statement or auditor's report shall include all the information contained in the initial statement or report filed under subsection (1) updated to reflect the changes to the candidate's campaign finances during the supplementary reporting period.
  - (7) An auditor's report shall be prepared by an auditor licensed under the *Public Accounting Act*, 2004.

(8)	in the election campaign up to the end of the relevant period are each equal to or less tha \$10,000.	
Da	ate	Municipal Clerk or designate

At least 30 days before the filing date, the Clerk shall give notice to candidates of all the filing Note: requirements under MEA, s.88.25, along with the candidate's entitlement to receive a refund of the nomination filing fee if he or she meets the requirements of MEA, s.34 and the penalties set out in MEA, s.88.23(2) and s.92(1)
Notice to be given in accordance with MEA, s.13.

If the Clerk has provided for electronic filing, candidates must also be advised of this Also Note: option and consequences or limitations associated with.

## **FORM EL42(A)(cont'd)**

### **NOTICE OF PENALTIES**

- 88.23(2) Subject to subsection (7), in the case of a default described in subsection (1),
  - (a) the candidate forfeits any office to which he or she was elected and the office is deemed to be vacant, and
  - (b) until the next regular election has taken place, the candidate is ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which this Act applies.
- 92(1) A candidate is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, is subject to the penalties described in subsection 88.23(2),
  - (a) if the candidate incurs expenses that exceed the amount determined for the office under section 88.20; or
  - (b) if the candidate files a document under section 88.25 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section.

#### NOTICE TO REGISTERED THIRD PARTY OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.29) TO: (Name of Registered Third Party) (Address) (Postal Code) FROM: The Clerk or designated election official of (Name of Municipality)

TAKE NOTICE THAT EVERY REGISTERED THIRD PARTY SHALL FILE by March 31, 2023, with the Clerk with whom they registered a financial statement and auditor's report in accordance with s.88.29 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

- 88.29 (1) On or before 2:00 p.m. on the filing date, a registered third party shall file with the Clerk of the municipality in which he, she or it registered a financial statement and auditor's report, each in the prescribed form, reflecting the registered third party's campaign finances in relation to third party advertisements,
  - (a) in the case of a regular election, as of December 31 in the year of the election;
  - (b) in the case of a by-election, as of the 45<sup>th</sup> day after Voting Day.
  - If an error is identified in a filed financial statement, the registered third party may withdraw the statement and, at the same time, file a corrected financial statement and auditor's report on or before the applicable filing date under section 88.30.
  - If the campaign period for the registered third party in relation to an election in the municipality continues during all or part of the supplementary reporting period, the registered third party shall, before 2:00 pm on the supplementary filing date, file a supplementary financial statement and auditor's report for the supplementary reporting period.
  - A supplementary financial statement or auditor's report shall include all the information contained in the initial statement or report filed under subsection (1), updated to reflect the changes to the registered third party's campaign finances during the supplementary reporting period.
  - (5) An auditor's report shall be prepared by an auditor licensed under the *Public Accounting Act*. 2004.
  - No auditor's report is required if the total contributions received and total expenses incurred in ng an or less than

(0)	the registered third party's ca	mpaign in relation to third party advertisements during to the end of the relevant period are each equal to come the end of the relevant period are each equal to come the end of the relevant period are each equal to come the end of the relevant period are each equal to come the end of the relevant period are each equal to come the end of t
Da	ate	Municipal Clerk or designate

Note: At least 30 days before the filing date, the Clerk shall give notice to registered third parties of all the filing requirements under MEA, s.88.29 and the penalties set out in subsections 88.27(1) and 92(4).

Notice to be given in accordance with MEA, s.13.

Also Note: If the Clerk has provided for electronic filing, registered third parties must also be advised of this option and consequences or limitations associated with it.

#### FORM EL42(B)(cont'd)

#### **NOTICE OF PENALTIES**

- Subject to subsection (6) and in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, an individual, corporation or trade union that is registered as a registered third party in relation to an election in a municipality is not entitled to register in relation to a subsequent election in the municipality until after the next regular election has taken place,
  - (a) if the registered third party fails to file a document as required under section 88.29 or 88.32 by the relevant date;
  - (b) if a document filed under section 88.29 shows on its face a surplus, as described in section 88.31, and the registered third party fails to pay the amount required by subsection 88.31(4) to the clerk by the relevant date;
  - (c) if a document filed under section 88.29 shows on its face that the registered third party has incurred expenses exceeding what is permitted under section 88.21; or
  - (d) if a document filed under section 88.32 shows on its face a surplus and the registered third party fails to pay the amount required by that section by the relevant date.
- A registered third party is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, is subject to the penalty described in subsection 88.27(1),
  - (a) if the registered third party incurs expenses that exceed the amount determined under section 88.21; or
  - (b) if the registered third party files a document under section 88.29 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section.

Form EL43(A) (Prepare in triplicate)

#### NOTICE OF DEFAULT-CANDIDATE

TO:	tions Act, 1996 (s. 88.23(3))	
(Name of Candidate)	(Office)	
(Address)	(Postal Code)	
FROM:		
The Clerk, or designated election official of		
(Name of Mur	nicipality)	

TAKE NOTICE that you are in default of the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, because:

- A. You failed to file documents with the Municipal Clerk as required by Section 88.25 or 88.32 of the Municipal Elections Act 1996 on or before the relevant date, or
- B. You failed to pay the amount of the surplus shown in documents which were filed with the Municipal Clerk by the relevant date as required by Section 88.31(4) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, or
- C. A document filed under Section 88.25 of the Municipal Elections Act 1996 shows on its face that you have incurred expenses exceeding the amount permitted under Section 88.20 of that Act
- D. You failed to pay the amount under s.88.32 and failed to pay the amount required by that section to the Clerk by the relevant date.

(Insert Appropriate Wording or Use the Following Suggestions)

## NOTICE OF DEFAULT<sup>27</sup> PLEASE SELECT THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS ONLY

(I) If this notice indicates that you have failed to file a document required by Section 88.25 or 88.32 of the Municipal Elections Act, the following provisions and penalties apply:

#### TO A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

- (i) you forfeit any office to which you were elected and the office shall be deemed to be vacant
- (ii) until the next regular election has taken place, you are ineligible to be elected or appointed to any
  office to which the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 applies.
   OR

TO AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

(i) until the next regular election has taken place, you are ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 applies.

<sup>27</sup> this portion of the suggested notice of default form provides suggested wording depending on the status of the candidate (elected or not elected) and the type of default.

#### Notice of Penalties

Sections 91, 92 and 94 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 set out penalties with respect to violations under the Act as follows:

#### Corrupt practice and ineligibility for office

- 91.(1) If a person is convicted of a corrupt practice under this Act, or of an offence under the Criminal Code (Canada) in connection with an act or omission that relates to an election to which this Act applies, then, in addition to any other penalty provided for in this Act,
  - (a) any office to which the person was elected is forfeited and becomes vacant, and
  - (b) the person is ineligible to be nominated for, or elected or appointed to, any office until the next two regular elections have taken place after the election to which the offence relates.

#### **Exception**

91.(2) However, if the presiding judge finds that the person committed the corrupt practice or offence under the Criminal Code (Canada) without any intent of causing or contributing to a false outcome of the election, clause (1)(b) does not apply.

#### Offences by candidate

- 92.(1) A candidate is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in additional to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, is subject to the penalties described in subsection 88.23(2),
  - (a) if the candidate incurs expenses that exceed the amount determined for the office under section 88.20; or
  - (b) if the candidate files a document under section 88.25 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section.

#### Exception

92.(2) However, if the presiding judge finds that the candidate, acting in good faith, committed the offence inadvertently or because of an error in judgement, the penalties described in subsection 88.23(2) do not apply.

#### **Additional Penalty, Candidates**

92.(3) if the expenses incurred by or under the direction of a candidate exceed the amount determined for the office under section 88.20, the candidate is liable to a fine equal to the excess, in addition to any other penalty provided for in the Act.

#### **General Offence**

94.	A person who contravenes any provis law passed by a municipality under th	sion of this Act or regulation under this Act or a b iis Act is guilty of an offence.	<b>y</b> -
Date	<u> </u>	Municipal Clerk or designate	

Form EL43(B)

(Prepare in triplicate)

#### NOTICE OF DEFAULT-REGISTERED THIRD PARTY

TO:	I Elections Act, 1996 (s. 88.27(1)))
(Name of Registered Third Party)	
(Address)	(Postal Code)
FROM:	
The Clerk, or designated election official of	f
(Name	of Municipality)

TAKE NOTICE that you are in default of the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, because:

- A. You failed to file documents with the Municipal Clerk as required by Section 88.29 or 88.32 of the Municipal Elections Act 1996 on or before the relevant date, or
- B. You failed to pay the amount of the surplus shown in documents which were filed with the Municipal Clerk by the relevant date as required by Section 88.31(4) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, or
- C. A document filed under Section 88.29 of the Municipal Elections Act 1996 shows on its face that you have incurred expenses exceeding the amount permitted under Section 88.21 of that Act.
- D. You failed to pay the amount under s.88.32 and failed to pay the amount required by that section to the Clerk by the relevant date.

(Insert Appropriate Wording or Use the Following Suggestions)

#### **NOTICE OF DEFAULT**

If this notice indicates that you have failed to file a document required by Section 88.29 or 88.32 of the Municipal Elections Act, the following provisions and penalties apply:

MEA, s.88.27(1) - Subject to MEA, s.88.27(6), and in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, an individual, corporation or trade union that is registered as a third party in relation to an election in a municipality is not entitled to register in relation to a subsequent election in the municipality until after the next regular election has taken place.

#### Notice of Penalties

Sections 92 and 94 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 set out penalties with respect to violations under the Act as follows:

#### Offences by registered third party

- 92.(4) A registered third party is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act, is subject to the penalty described in subsection 88.27(1),
  - (a) if the registered third party incurs expenses that exceed the amount determined under section 88.21; or
  - (b) if the registered third party files a document under section 88.29 or 88.32 that is incorrect or otherwise does not comply with that section.

#### Exception

92.(5) However, if the presiding judge finds that the registered third party, acting in good faith, committed the offence inadvertently or because of an error in judgement, the penalty described in subsection 88.27(1) does not apply.

### Additional Penalty, Registered Third Party

92.(6) if the expenses incurred by or under the direction of a registered third party exceed the amount determined under section 88.21, the registered third party is liable to a fine equal to the excess, in addition to any other penalty provided for in the Act.

#### **General Offence**

94.	A person who contravenes any provision of this Act or regulation under this Act or a by aw passed by a municipality under this Act is guilty of an offence.		
Date	Municipal Clerk or designate		

## NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION<sup>28</sup>

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 65(1))

TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuan	t to Section 65 c	of the Municip	oal Elections A	ct, 1996 a
By-election shall be conducted	I in the(nam	e of municipa	_of ality)	
in theof_ (District/County/Region)	on the )	day of	(month)	_,(year)
	for the purp	ose of		
(If Applicable) Nominatio Office until 2:00 p.m. on Nomir	ons may be filed ination Day.	in the prescri	bed form in the	e Clerk's
Nomination Day is(day / mor	nth / year)			
 Date		Municipal C	lerk or design	 ate

<sup>28</sup> The clerk shall conduct by-elections in accordance with Section 65

Form EL51(A)

## CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES – REGISTERED THIRD PARTY

Municipal Electi	ons Act, 1996 (s.88.21(15))
TO:	
(Name of Registered Third Party)	
(Address)	(Postal Code)
FROM:	
The Clerk, or designated election offici	al, of
(Na	ime of Municipality)
•	unt of campaign expenses that a registered third pal Election to be held October 24, 2022, is
Date	Municipal Clerk or designate

In accordance with MEA, s., the 88.21(15), upon registering the registered third party, the Clerk shall give the individual filing the registration a certificate setting out the maximum amount for campaign expenses. For the preliminary certificate, the Clerk shall calculate an estimated amount using the number of electors from the Voters' List as it existed on Nomination Day for the 2018 municipal election.

On or before September 26, 2022, the Clerk shall give the registered third party a final calculation of the permitted amount of maximum campaign expenses. The formula to be used is the greater number of electors on Nomination Day for the previous election, adjusted for changes made that day or the number of electors as of September 15 in the 2022 municipal election, adjusted for changes made on that day.

Certificate to be given to registered third party in accordance with Section 13.

Form EL51(B)

# CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF EXPENSES FOR PARTIES ETC. – REGISTERED THIRD PARTY

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.88.21(15))	
TO:	
(Name of Registered Third Party)	
(Address) (Posta	al Code)
FROM:	
The Clerk, or designated election official, of	
(Name of Municipality)	
I hereby certify that the maximum amount of expenses for parties, etc. that a re third party is permitted to incur in the Municipal Election to be held October 24,	•
Date Municipal Clerk or designate	

In accordance with MEA, s., the 88.21(15), upon registering the registered third party, the Clerk shall give the individual filing the registration a certificate setting out the maximum amount for expenses for parties etc. For the preliminary certificate, the Clerk shall calculate an estimated amount using the number of electors from the Voters' List as it existed on Nomination Day for the 2018 municipal election.

On or before September 26, 2022, the Clerk shall give the registered third party a final calculation of the permitted amount of maximum expenses for parties etc.. The formula to be used is the greater number of electors on Nomination Day for the previous election, adjusted for changes made that day or the number of electors as of September 15 in the 2022 municipal election, adjusted for changes that day.

Certificate to be given to a registered third party in accordance with Section 13.

### **CONSENT TO RELEASE PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act				
Personal information on the Nomination Paper is collected under the authority of the <i>Municipal Elections Act</i> and will be used to assist the City Clerk in the administration of the 2022 Municipal Elections.				
Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the City Clerk, (contact information)				
Name of Candidate:				
Candidate for the office of:				
<ul> <li>□ Mayor</li> <li>□ Councillor</li> <li>□ Trustee English Public</li> <li>□ Trustee English Separate</li> <li>□ Trustee French Public</li> <li>□ Trustee French Separate</li> </ul>				
I acknowledge that the Nomination Form (Form 1) filed by me contains personal information and I am aware that the City Clerk will disclose all or part of it to the general public.				
Signature of Candidate				
Signature of City Clerk or Designate				
Dated at, thisday of, 2022				

## **ACTIVATION OF VOTING SYSTEM**

attendance at the Receiving Location as determined by the Clerk. Candidates and appointed scrutineers in attendance are required to take this oath.				
I, one of the undersigned, swear or solemnly affirm:				
That at 10:00 a.m. on October 12, 2022, I verified that all candidates' names are listed and that no votes have been cast prior to the voting system being activated.				
Declared before me at the (Name of Municipality), in the (Name of Upper Tier, if applicable),				
thisday of, ;	2022.			
Municipal Clerk or designate  NAME AND CAPACITY OF PERSON	SIGNATURE			
IF SCRUTINEER, NAME CANDIDATE)				

## Form SV02

## APPLICATION TO REPLACE STOLEN VOTER INFORMATION LETTER

Surname:		Given Name(s):		
Qualifying Address (Street No & Name):		City:	Postal Code:	
Mailing Address (if different):				
Tel Number:		Roll Number:		
I,, being the above named individual and having provided proof of identity and residence as prescribed in O. Reg. 304/13 to the Election Official, do hereby make the following declaration AND provide the required information to the Election Official:				
	. That I am an eligible elector for the municipality and that I am on the Voters' List or have made an application to be included on the Voter's List;			
2. That I have not receimposter has voted.	That I have not received by mail a Voter Information Letter from the municipality and an imposter has voted.			
		or (check applicable box)		
	e said V	oter Information Letter for the p	r provided by the municipality and ourpose of voting by telephone and	
		or (check applicable box)		
	That I am in possession of the Voter Information Letter provided by the municipality and that an imposter has voted.			
	That I have not voted or have not personally used the Voter Information Letter to vote nor have I provided and given my Voter Information Letter to another person for the purpose of voting.			
	That I have no knowledge, direct or indirect, as to who has used my Voter Information Letter to vote in my name.			
		or (check applicable box)		
provided such inforr	I have personal knowledge of who has used my Voter Information Letter to vote and I have provided such information to the Election Official for the purpose of providing the same to the Police for further investigation and prosecution.			
and further understand th	That I have answered all questions of the Election Official truthfully and to the best of my knowledge and further understand that the Police may be communicating with me for the purpose of furthering this investigation and prosecution of the imposter(s) of corrupt election practices or mail tampering or fraud.			
	That should a new Voter Information Letter be issued by an Election Official that, as a condition to reissuance, that I will be required to vote only at the Help Centre in the municipality.			
	That I further agree that should I obtain additional information as to who has voted on my behalf the I will communicate such information with the Election Official and the Police.			

I,	o be true and knowing that it is of the same of the Canada Evidence Act dated this, 2022 and do hereby, statement made is an offence either under the
Signature of Applicant	Signature of Election Official (Witness as to the Signature of the Applicant)
Procedures of Election Official	
<ol> <li>Reset voter's status to allow re-vote.</li> <li>Generation of new Personal Identification Number (PIN).</li> </ol>	Signature of Election Official
	Signature of Election Official
For use by the Election Official	
When voter has left the Voter Assistance Centre:	
Verify if Personal Identification Number (PIN elector has voted. If the PIN has not been	
Signature of Election Official that voter has left the Voter As	sistance Centre without voting
Signature of Election Official	Date / Time