

Proposed C-1277-23 Elections Bylaw

Background

- The *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA) prescribes the conduct of local elections across Alberta.
- The proposed amendments are presented to provide clarity on key provisions supporting the election process.
- A review of the City's Elections Bylaw was completed to remove sections already addressed in the LAEA, add authorities to the Returning Officer as prescribed by the LAEA and streamline the election process.

Proposed Elections Bylaw Amendments

- Voting Hours:
 - Change the opening time of voting stations from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
 - Aligns with the Tri-Region
 - Low voter turnout between 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
 - Significant cost savings
 - A jurisdictional scan was conducted of municipalities with a population over 20,000 including Stony Plain
 - Parkland County and Stony Plain start voting at 9 a.m.
 - Majority of municipalities scanned started voting at 10 a.m.

Proposed Elections Bylaw Amendments cont'd

- Authorities for the Returning Officer
 - Ability to establish one or more locations to accept nomination papers
 - Clarity on the establishment of voting stations through the City
 - Provide for the use of Special Ballots during an election
- Special Ballots to be opened at 7:30 p.m.

Questions and Comments?