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Subject: Ward 7 By-Election and City Elections

Dear Honourable Mayor and Council:

The purpose of this correspondence is to request that you take appropriate action to ensure the validity of the results of the Ward 7 By-Election conducted on Monday, March 21st.

During Voting Day, it was brought to the attention of Election Officials and some Senior Management that ballots were cast by individuals who were not eligible to vote. Appropriate sections of the Municipal Elections Act, appropriate sections of the Municipal Affairs & Housing Candidates Guide, as well as information relating to the exact same events occurring in the 2010 election in which a candidate eventually pleading guilty to Voter Entitlement, were all provided the afternoon of Monday, March 21st. All parties did not take any action when at the very least it appears Notice should have been posted at all of the voting locations of a candidate's ineligibility under section 39.

Ensuring only those that are eligible to vote are provided with a ballot is paramount to the Integrity of our election process. How the results can be deemed official under these circumstances is questionable.

There were @ 190 additions during the Advance Polls, plus an unknown amount of additions on Voting Day. With the unofficial results only having a difference of 92 votes, and in light of these events, it appears this Election was not conducted with the oversight that is fair to both our electorate and our candidates.

If it is the will of Council, perhaps the public records of those who completed Voter Change forms should be made available for inspection by any of the candidates or electors who wish to view/audit those documents. According to the Act, this direction is allowed.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions or wish to discuss further:

Sincerely,

Viv Saunders