

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: December 19, 2018

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. PEARSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

Maintaining the Voters' List For Municipal Elections

WHEREAS concerns over the quality of the Municipal Voters List is not a new phenomenon;

WHEREAS in 2012, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) published a Voters List Position Paper and since that time has been advocating for transformational changes to the way that Ontario creates and maintains the Voters' List for municipal elections;

WHEREAS the Preliminary List of Electors which forms the Voters' List in Ontario is supplied by data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC);

WHEREAS despite the incremental changes made by MPAC, MPAC has a limited ability to fix the currency and accuracy issues that impairs the current process and the Voters' List continues to be flawed with data inaccuracies and outdated information; and

WHEREAS a transformational solution to the way that the Voters' List is created and managed is required;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- (a) That the Council of the City of Hamilton supports the re-establishment of the multi-stakeholder working group between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, AMCTO, MPAC, Elections Canada and Elections Ontario in exploring and identifying ways to create and maintain the Voters' List for Municipal Elections;
- (b) That Council requests an update be provided from this Voters' List Working Group on the transformational solutions being discussed; and
- (c) That representatives from MPAC be invited to a future General Issues Committee meeting to hear the City of Hamilton's concerns and advise the City on what steps MPAC will be taking in the future.