

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	September 23, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2022 Municipal Election Voters' List (FCS20080(a))
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not applicable.

INFORMATION

Subsequent to Information Report FCS20080, 2022 Municipal Election Voters' List, on September 17, 2020, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced Bill 204, *Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act* that would, if passed, create one unified Electors' List for provincial and municipal elections, which will be in place for 2024 and subsequent municipal elections. The proposed amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act* and *Elections Act* will result in a single register of electors for municipal and provincial elections, which is expected to be more accurate, may reduce costs for municipalities to verify information, and improve the voting experience for the public. Staff will report back to the General Issues Committee with any significant legislation updates.

At the September 11, 2019 Council meeting, staff were directed to develop a Communication Strategy directed to residents to ensure accuracy of the voters' list prior to the next municipal election, and to make recommendations to ensure tenants living in rental properties are included on voters' list. Bill 204 may address challenges faced by tenants, however, this solution will not be in place for the 2022 municipal election. For this reason, staff will work with Communications staff to develop a comprehensive communication strategy for the 2022 municipal election. Building on a foundation of technology, partnership, and education, this strategy will include tenant outreach, targeting tenants of rental properties, with consideration of location-based advertising

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for rental properties in addition to areas with historically low voter turnout. New outreach opportunities and initiatives will be explored to ensure tenants living in rental properties are included in the municipal elections voters' list.

For the 2022 municipal election, City Clerk's staff will work collaboratively with MPAC, internal and external stakeholders, and other municipalities through the multi-stakeholder Elections Working Group, to improve the accuracy of the voters' list.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable.