

3 November 2010



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: Revised Policy – Use of Corporate Resources (Elections)

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves a new "Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy #CC-10-1" to address the matter of incumbents running in a municipal election to be authorized to participate in functions on municipal property, provided all nominated candidates are also so invited; and further

That Council give three readings to a by-law to amend the City Policy Manual for this purpose.

Background:

It came to light this past election that those incumbents seeking re-election were at a disadvantage from other candidates by not being able to participate in various activities (that could be deemed as 'campaign related activities') which were held on municipal property. The current 'Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes' policy restricted this activity, particularly during 'regular business hours.'

The policy has been amended to read as follows (#3 under Purpose):

"Current member(s) seeking re-election and who are so nominated, shall be authorized, following Nomination Day, to participate in activities on municipal property when so invited, provided all candidates nominated (for the offices of Mayor and Council) in the municipal election are also invited to participate. Otherwise, no member shall undertake campaign-related activities on municipal property during regular working hours."

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

N/A