

27 April 2010



## City Council Committee Report

**To: Mayor & Council**

**Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk**

**Re: Internet Voter Lookup (IVL) – DataFix**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** Council give three readings to a by-law to execute a service agreement with Comprint Systems Inc. (c.o.b. DataFix) for the 'Internet Voter Lookup application' in conjunction with the 2010 Municipal Election.

### **Background:**

Further to Council authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with DataFix at the April Council meeting with respect to the 2010 election, the Clerks of Dryden, Fort Frances, and Kenora have negotiated a collective rate for an additional application with Datafix through a separate service agreement (\$675 per municipality). The service is one used by both Dryden and Fort Frances in their last regular elections and subsequent by-elections, while Kenora had not made completely aware of this service in the past. DataFix indicated this is becoming an increasingly popular tool for the public, not to mention a benefit to the municipality and I think the value is certainly worth the cost.

The Internet Voter Lookup service will allow eligible voters to check the Voters' list on-line to ensure they are registered to vote. This application does not present any breach of privacy laws as the system requires the user to include the known address and no other personal information other than the name and address will be displayed.

Not only will this be an enhanced customer service tool available on the Portal, it will hopefully reduce the number of inquiries City Hall receives leading up to the election.

### **Budget:**

The \$675 fee will be accommodated through the 2010 election budget.

### **Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:**

IT will make arrangements with DataFix to make the application available; the public will be given ample notice that this service will be available on the Portal.