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HALTON HILLS
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REPORT

TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

FROM: Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services

DATE: November 19, 2021

REPORT NO.: ADMIN-2021-0056

SUBJECT: 2022 Municipal Election – Voting Methods and Election Equipment Single Source

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2021-0056 dated November 19, 2021 regarding the 2022 Municipal Election – Voting Methods Single Source be received;

AND FURTHER THAT vote tabulation and online voting equipment be utilized to conduct the 2022 Municipal Election as approved by Council through report No. ADMIN-2021-0021, dated September 7, 2021 regarding Alternate Voting Methods for the 2022 Municipal Election;

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue a single source purchase order to Elections Ontario, 51 Rolark Drive,, Toronto, Ontario, M1R 3B1 for the upset limit of \$13,000 (including applicable taxes) for the rental of vote tabulation equipment and tablets

AND FURTHER THAT the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to issue a single source purchase order to Dominion Voting Systems, 215 Spadina Avenue, Suite 200, Toronto ON M5T 2C7, for the upset limit of \$135,000 (plus applicable taxes) for the rental of vote tabulation equipment, online voting and for the purchase of various election supplies including ballots, ballot boxes, and tabulator memory cards;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the required agreements.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Council approved the use of Online Voting and Vote tabulators for the 2022 Municipal Election through Report No. ADMIN-2021-0021
- Dominion Voting Systems has been successfully utilized in our Municipal Elections since 2010
- Elections Ontario and Dominion Voting Systems have developed a Joint Tabulator Lease Program where the tabulators are supplied by Elections Ontario using Dominion Voting Systems software.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Dominion Voting Systems' vote tabulators have been utilized by the Town of Halton Hills for the past three municipal elections. The 2010 election was the inaugural year for moving to an alternative voting method with the use of vote tabulators. The benefits of utilizing vote tabulators include:

- Fast and accurate voting results on election night;
- Large reduction in staff time required on voting day to count paper ballots;
- Use of accessible vote tabulators at advanced polls allows individuals with disabilities to vote independently;
- Enhanced by poll/ward results provided to the public on election night upon the closing of the polls.

Elections Ontario has purchased a number of these tabulators from Dominion Voting and have developed a Joint Tabulator Lease Program whereby we would lease the tabulators from Elections Ontario and Dominion Voting will provide the software and support. There is a cost savings of approximately \$300 per tabulator for a total cost savings of approximately \$7200.

Aside from the vote tabulators, Elections Ontario is also leasing laptops and equipment needed for election day. In the past the Town has spent approximately \$10,500.00 on this technology and through the lease program, we will see a cost savings of approximately \$6,000.

For the 2022 Municipal Election, Council approved the use of Online Voting as an Alternative Voting Method through Report No. ADMIN-2021-0021. Dominion Voting Systems has the technology available to utilize this new voting method. In order to minimize the amount of vendors which all tie into the same software to maintain the voter's list and run the election effectively, staff are confident the technology Dominion Voting can provide will be sufficient for the 2022 Municipal Election.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have an impact on the Town's Strategic Plan.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Staff in the Clerks division researched and consulted on this leasing program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report will be funded through an existing approved budget source.

Reviewed and approved by,

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer