



STAFF REPORT
SUBMITTED BY: Chris Frotten
DATE: August 6, 2024
SUBJECT: Date of Amended Voter List
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: N/A

## ORIGIN

The Nova Scotia Municipal Elections Act (MEA) requires Council to choose a date, on the advice of the Returning Officer, in which the revising officers must furnish the Returning Officer with a list of electors consisting of the preliminary lists of electors together with the amendments that they have made to the lists as a result of their sittings. The purpose of this report is to seek Council direction on the date for the certification of the Amended List.

## BACKGROUND

In February, Council directed staff to use the List of Electors prepared by Elections Nova Scotia as the Preliminary List for the 2024 municipal and CSAP elections. Under the MEA, the Returning Officer appoints Revising Officers to revise and update the Preliminary List to create the “Amended List of Electors” (the Preliminary List of Electors together with all the amendments the Revising Officers have made to it). This revision period traditionally lasts approximately one month. The MEA requires that the Revising Officer present the Amended List to the Returning Officer for certification on a date selected by Council. In our case, we do not appoint revising officers, so the Returning Officer acts as the revising officer.

The Amended List is the list that is used during Nomination Day and given to the candidates.

## DISCUSSION

The Returning Officer is recommending that Council select Friday, August 30, 2024, as the date for the certification of the Amended List. (this becomes known as the Revised List of Electors). After that point, voters can continue to register and update their information until the end of the “Alternative Voting Period” (October 18, 2024). Voters who are not registered by October 18, 2024, can still vote by presenting at a polling station on Ordinary Polling Day and taking the prescribed Oath under section 98 of the MEA.

The initial revision period, which will run from August 8 to August 30, 2024, allows residents to contact the Returning Officer to ensure their information is correct in the voter information system.

#### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

#### RECOMMENDATION

Based on the advice of the Returning Officer, I recommend setting the date that the revising officers must furnish the Returning Officer with the preliminary list of electors, together with the amendments they have made to the lists, to be Friday August 30, 2024.

#### SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to recommend to Council that the revising officers must furnish the Returning Officer with the preliminary list of electors, together with the amendments they have made to the lists, on Friday August 30, 2024.

#### ALTERNATIVES

N/A

#### ATTACHMENTS