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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	21
COUNCIL MEETING	87/03/23

RE: 1987 ENUMERATION OF ELECTORS

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Municipal Clerk be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1987 MARCH 16
 FROM: MUNICIPAL CLERK
 SUBJECT: 1987 ENUMERATION OF ELECTORS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT a full enumeration of electors be conducted in connection with the 1987 municipal election.
2. THAT the rate of pay for the enumerators employed to conduct the 1987 enumeration be set at eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour.

S U M M A R Y

This report provides background information supporting the conducting of a full enumeration of electors in connection with the 1987 municipal election and further details the manner in which the 1987 enumeration is to be conducted.

R E P O R T

BACKGROUND

Council, on 1976 July 05, adopted the following recommendation of the Election Procedures Committee which was one of five (5) recommendations submitted for consideration by that Committee:

"THAT a full enumeration of electors be carried out in 1977 and, that an enumeration be carried out every two (2) years thereafter."

Council, on 1984 August 20, adopted the following recommendations of the Municipal Clerk:

- "1. THAT a full enumeration for the 1985 municipal election not be conducted with the effect of this action to be closely monitored in order to determine whether conducting a full enumeration every four (4) years will be a viable alternative to the present policy of enumerating every two (2) years.
2. THAT an enumeration for the 1985 municipal election be conducted for the seventeen (17) mobile poll locations and this continue to be done for each municipal election."

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1987 ENUMERATION OF ELECTORS (Continued)

The two (2) major negative consequences of conducting an enumeration every four (4) years that were recognized in the report of 1984 August 20 were:

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1. Residents who have moved into the municipality subsequent to the last election and are normally picked up during enumeration will not be, and these people may experience some delay at the polling place on election day waiting to register to vote.
2. There may also be some re-directing required as people who have moved within the municipality, and did not register prior to election day, may go to the nearest polling place only to find that they are registered at their previous address.

These two factors did not create a problem on election day in 1985. The number of people that registered to vote at the polling stations in 1985, when no enumeration was conducted, was 1,737 (voter turnout of 23,222) as compared with 844 in 1983 (voter turnout of 21,131) when a full enumeration was carried out.

There will always be some re-directing of voters to the polling place at which they are registered however, this was minimal in 1985 and not considered to have increased as a result of not conducting an enumeration.

COST

The cost for the 1987 enumeration of electors is estimated to be \$52,925. This figure includes the hiring of approximately thirty-five (35) enumerators to be paid at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. This rate includes the use of the enumerator's own vehicle. The rate of pay for the enumerators in 1983 was \$6.50 per hour and the rate of pay for the enumerator that conducted the enumeration of the mobile poll locations in 1985 was \$8.00 per hour. This cost has been included in the 1987 Provisional Budget. The cost of the last full enumeration in 1983 was \$52,568. The 1987 cost is basically unchanged from the 1983 cost as a result of efficiencies that have been realized in the Clerk's Department.

PLAN

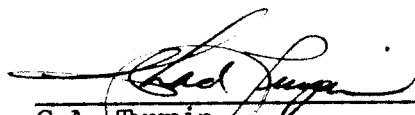
The full enumeration of electors is expected to commence on Monday, 1987 April 21 and be completed by June 19. The enumerators will call at each residence once and if no contact is made then enumeration kits with addressed return envelopes will be left for mailing to the municipal hall. Enumerators will be permitted to work the hours of their choice which is usually governed by the times the majority of the electors are available for enumeration. Hours worked will be recorded on a "honor" basis with each enumerator being required to report to our enumeration office once a week.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

The Inspector of Municipalities has advised that an amendment to the relevant section of the Municipal Act will be proclaimed during the spring sitting of the legislature which will eliminate the right of a British subject to qualify as an elector. This will mean that a voter must be a Canadian citizen by birth or naturalization. The change will have the affect of rendering an existing List of Electors invalid and necessitating a full enumeration.

C O N C L U S I O N

The expected legislative changes will make it necessary to conduct an enumeration this year. However, if elections continue to be held every two (2) years then our 1985 experience indicates that an enumeration every four (4) years, rather than for each election, is a reasonable approach to take considering the costs involved.



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 MUNICIPAL CLERK