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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	6
COUNCIL MEETING	93/01/25

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TO: City Manager  
FROM: City Clerk  
SUBJECT: 1993 Municipal Election

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to appoint the Returning Officer for the 1993 Municipal Election and to seek Council's direction with respect to enumeration procedures and establishment of the Municipal Voters List.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Debbie R. Comis be appointed Returning Officer for the 1993 Municipal Election.
2. THAT a door-to-door enumeration not be conducted for the 1993 Municipal Election.
3. THAT the Provincial Voters List form the basis for the 1993 Municipal Voters List.
4. THAT Registration Centers be established in Shopping and Seniors Centres during 1993 June and July.

R E P O R T

In preparation for the 1993 Municipal Election a number of recommendations are being submitted to Council for its direction. For the 1990 election Council approved the use of booths in shopping malls to conduct voter registration. This proved to be a useful and cost effective method of registering voters rather than the more expensive door-to-door enumeration. For this reason we are again recommending the use of voter registration centers.

In 1990 the Municipality used the Provincial Voters List as the basis for the Municipal list, updating it through the voter registration centers and the mobile polls. This method proved to be very successful and cost effective compared to the enumeration and as a result, staff are again recommending the use of the Provincial list.

Section 84 of the Municipal Act provides in part:

"84.(1) The council shall, for the general local election and for an election at other times as required,

(a) appoint a returning officer....."

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In accordance with the Act, I am at this time recommending the appointment of the Returning Officer.

The Provincial Government is presently considering amendments to current election legislation which would give Council discretionary powers, through enactment of an elections bylaw to establish mobile polls, advance polls, voting divisions, close the list of electors, establish special voting opportunities, provide for the use of automated voting machines, specify the form of ballots to be used, the order in which candidates' names are to appear on the ballot, permit the order of candidates' names on a ballot to be chosen by lot and permit more than one scrutineer per candidate to be present at a voting place. It is proposed that the appropriate bylaw be in place eight weeks prior to the local general election. Staff will provide Council with further information regarding the proposed legislative changes as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,



C. A. Tarpin,  
CITY CLERK