



Staff Report

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Report To:	Joint Committees		
Date of Meeting:	October 25, 2021	Report Number:	LGS-027-21
Submitted By:	Rob Maciver, Director of Legislative Services		
Reviewed By:	Andrew C. Allison, CAO	Resolution#:	
File Number:		By-law Number:	
Report Subject:	2022 Municipal Elections – Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes – Policy F110		

Recommendations:

1. That Report LGS-027-21, and any related communication items, be received;
2. That the draft By-law containing an updated Policy F110, Use of Corporate Services for Election Purposes, Attachments 1 & 2 to Report LGS-027-21, be approved; and
3. That all interested parties listed in Report LGS-027-21 and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Report Overview

As part of the 2022 Municipal Elections planning, Staff have reviewed the Council approved policy, F110, the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes, and are suggesting several minor changes.

1. Background

1.1 Section 88.18 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* stipulates that:

“Before May 1 in the year of a regular election, municipalities and local boards shall establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal or board resources, as the case may be, during the election campaign period.”

1.2 After this change was introduced in 2018, Council passed [By-law 2018-028](#) on April 9, 2018, containing Policy F110, the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy, arising out of [Report CLD-008-18](#) and [Report CLD-008-18 Addendum](#).

1.3 Although the policy has been established, it is best practice to review the policy prior to each regular municipal election.

2. Proposal

2.1 Staff have reviewed the current policy and are recommending some slight changes, mostly to clarify definitions and ensure that it is clear that the Policy applies to Registered Third Party Advertisers. Other changes include some definition changes, and clarity on information included on municipal webpages. Attachment 1 shows a redlined version with the proposed changes.

3. Concurrence

Not Applicable, but all Department Heads have reviewed the policy.

4. Conclusion

It is respectfully recommended that the Committee recommend to Council that the attached (Attachments 1 & 2) draft by-law be approved, updating Policy F110, the Use of Corporate Resources for Municipal Elections policy.

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Proposed updated “Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy”
Attachment 2 – Draft By-law repealing By-law 2018-028, adopting new Policy F110

Interested Parties:

There are no interested parties to be notified of Council's decision.