

Township of South Stormont
ACTION REQUEST
Administration and Corporate Services



To: Council
From: Loriann Harbers, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Date of Meeting: July 13, 2022
Subject: By-law No. 2022-056 Advanced Voting and Reduced Hours at Retirement Homes

Recommendation:

That By-law No. 2022-056, being a by-law to repeal By-law No. 2022-030 and to establish advanced voting and reduced hours of voting in a retirement home for the 2022 Municipal Elections be read and passed in open Council, signed and sealed this 13th day of July, 2022.

Executive Summary:

On April 27, 2022, Council adopted By-law No. 2022-030, establishing advance vote and reduced hours of voting in a retirement residence. Upon further investigation, it was identified that a voting place shall be provided on voting day for residents of a retirement home. The existing by-law provides for voting during the advance vote, not on voting day. As such, an additional hour of support has been added for Election Day, October 24, 2022, for the Woodland Villa Long Term Care Facility.

Background:

Sections 45 and 46 of the *Municipal Elections Act* requires that voting places be provided at retirement homes and institutions where, on nomination day, 20 or more beds are occupied by persons who are disabled, chronically ill or infirm, and further, that Council may pass a bylaw that the voting place(s) are only for the use of the residents of the institutions and providing for reduced opening hours.

Following consultation with the staff at the Woodland Villa Long Term Care Facility and Sunset Cove Retirement Home, advanced vote dates and times are confirmed as follows:

Woodland Villa Long Term Care Facility:
October 20, 2022 from 10 AM to 12 Noon; and
October 24, 2022 from 8:30 am to 9:30 am (if required)

Sunset Cove Retirement Residence:
October 20, 2022 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Alignment with Community Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Corporate Capacity

Objective 2.1: Servicing Capacity

Risk and Asset Management Considerations:

To ensure we are reaching as many voters as possible and to meet the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, it is necessary to pass this by-law.

Options:

1. That Council adopt By-law 2022-056 to establish advance vote and reduced hours of voting in a retirement home.
 2. Other.
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Financial Impact:

Costs associated with voting places is provided for in the Municipal Elections budget.

Others Consulted:

Municipal Elections Act