
2016 Local Government Elections – Establishment of Polls and Polling Places

Recommendation

That this report be forwarded to City Council recommending:

1. That the division of the city into polling areas as outlined in Attachment 1 be approved; and
2. That the list of polling places, as outlined in Attachment 2 be approved;

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain the required legislative approval of recommendations related to the establishment of polling areas and polling places for the 2016 Local Government Elections.

Background

The Local Government Election Act, 2015 and *The Local Government Election Regulations, 2015* came into effect January 1, 2016. In accordance with the legislation, a number of decisions are required by City Council related to the holding of a municipal election. This report outlines recommended polling areas and places for the 2016 Local Government Election.

Report

Section 22(1) of *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* states that Council shall divide the municipality into as many polling areas as considered necessary for the convenience of voters, and name the polling place for each of the polling areas so established.

Attached is a map dividing the city into 62 polling areas (Attachment 1), as well as a list of polling places (Attachment 2). For the most part, there is one poll located in each neighbourhood. A newer neighbourhood, such as Evergreen, has a poll in an adjoining neighbourhood. The legislated criteria for establishing polling areas and places has been considered as outlined in the attachments.

Saskatoon Public Schools' boundaries have been extended to include Whitecap Dakota First Nation. For trustee representation, the Saskatoon Public School Board has included Whitecap Dakota First Nation as part of Ward 7. Whitecap Dakota First Nation voters for Public School Board Trustee **only** will vote at Poll No. 706, located at Circle Drive Alliance Church, 3035 Preston Avenue South. Attachment 3 is a map specific to voting for the public school board trustee in Ward 7.

Public and Stakeholder Involvement

A copy of this report will be provided to the Public and Separate School Boards for information.

Communication Plan

A comprehensive communication plan for all aspects of the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections is being developed with the Communications Division.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications at this time.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 – Map dividing the City into polling areas
2. Attachment 2 – List of Polling Places
3. Attachment 3 – Map of Ward 7 polling locations for Public School Board Trustee

Report Approval

Written and Approved by: Joanne Sproule, City Clerk/Returning Officer