

APPROVAL REPORT

The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Amendment Bylaw, 2023

ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9897, *The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Amendment Bylaw, 2023* (“Bylaw”) for City Council’s consideration. Bylaw No. 8491, *The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Bylaw, 2006* requires amendment to clarify the time period within which candidates may campaign in advance of a general election.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9897, *The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Amendment Bylaw, 2023*.

BACKGROUND

At its [Regular Business Meeting on May 24, 2022](#), City Council resolved, in part, that Bylaw No. 9830, *The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Amendment Bylaw, 2022* be passed.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Bylaw No. 9830, *The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Amendment Bylaw, 2022* contained the addition of a definition of “campaign period”. The definition was passed but was the subject of questions regarding the proposed time period that campaigning in advance of a general election would be permitted. The City Solicitor’s Office undertook to review the definition, and if necessary, bring back amendments to *The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Bylaw, 2006* to clarify the time period within which candidates may campaign in advance of a general election.

We are pleased to present the Bylaw which addresses the questions posed by City Council at the May 24, 2022 meeting and provides the required clarification.

APPENDICES

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 9897, *The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Amendment Bylaw, 2023*.

Report Approval

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