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List of Electors (“Voters List”)

Elections Calgary is aware of recent media reports regarding the use of a voters list by candidates.

Municipal elections are governed by provincial legislation - the *Local Authorities Election Act* (the Act). The Act empowers the council of a municipality, if it so desires, to direct the preparation of a list of electors who are entitled to vote in an election (per section 50(1) of the Act).

As of the current date, Council has not directed the Returning Officer to prepare a list of electors for the 2021 general election.

The Returning Officer will be seeking Council’s direction on preparing a list of electors in July when amendments to the Election Bylaw (35M2018) will be brought forward.

If Council directs the preparation of a list of electors, the Returning Officer will prepare that list and pursuant to section 50(2) of the Act will be required to provide the list of electors to candidates who request it on September 22, following the last day to withdraw nominations (September 21, 2021).

Per section 50(3)(a) of the Act, the list of electors can only be used for campaign purposes. Section 158 of the Act provides that if a person uses the list of electors for a non-campaign purpose, that person has committed an offence and would be liable for a fine of not more than \$100,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both.