



DATE: March 9, 2022
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Municipal Clerk / Returning Officer
SUBJECT: For your decision: To enter into an agreement with DataFix - VoterView

Issue

For Council to approve an agreement with DataFix - VoterView

Facts

- In preparing for the upcoming 2022 Municipal Election the Municipal Clerk / Returning Officer is busy ensuring a fair electoral system. One of the major components of this premise is the Preliminary List of Electors that creates the Voter's List. Understanding that we all play a role in a fair electoral system as it is equally the responsibility of every elector to make sure their information is up-to-date and accurately reflected for electoral purposes it is most certainly a challenge and why we continue to advocate the use of Voterlookup.ca for electors to verify and update their information.
- Presented to Council is an agreement with DataFix which provides the services known as a VoterView system. This platform provides mechanism to improve the quality of preliminary list of electors and may help reduce election costs in terms of resources needed to help support data cleansing to identify and correct problems with elector information often found within the voter list.
- VoterView provides support to many municipalities across Canada. Preliminary research has found that the Town of Fort Frances has utilized Datafix in the 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010 and the 2018 Municipal Elections.
- The Service fee for DataFix is \$6,650.00 and has been considered part of the operating budget for the 2022 Municipal Elections.

Analysis

- Following the 2022 Municipal Elections Council can expect further recommendations from the Municipal Clerk / Returning Officer to enter into a renewal agreement to continue to maintain the information particularly around death registration.
- Forward planning should also be considered in the event of a by-election, experience has shown that a lot can happen in a four (4) year term examples

include but not limited to: a resignation of a member, the death of a member, the member becomes ineligible to be a member of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT approval of this report will agree with the recommendation from the Municipal Clerk / Returning Officer to enter into an agreement with DataFix and that a By-Law be enacted to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the Corporation.
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