# KIRKLAND LAKE <br> THERIGHTENVIRONMENT 

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

| Meeting Date: $11 / 2 / 2018$ | Report Date: $11 / 6 / 2018$ |  |
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| Decision Requested: <br> $\nabla$ <br> $\nabla$ Yes $\quad\ulcorner$ No $\quad\ulcorner$ Direction Only |  |  |

## Report Title

## Post-Election Update

## Recommendations

That Council consider and pass Bylaw 18-132 Ratifying the 2018 Election Results

## Budget Implications

Each year in the budget money is put towards the municipal elections. The cost of running an election is approximately $\$ 15,000$.

The 2018 recount was at a cost of approximately $\$ 500$.

## Background

This was the $4^{\text {th }}$ election the Town has utilized the electronic vote tabulators for ballot counting.
We held 3 advanced poll dates, Wednesday evening and Saturday at the Legion in KL; a Thursday afternoon/evening in Swastika.

There were 6010 eligible voters on the list. 2651 voters cast ballots. This equals a $44 \%$ turnout higher than the provincial average of $37 \%$ (according to AMO).

Because of the automatic recount policy, there was a recount for the $6^{\text {th }}$ and $7^{\text {th }}$ position councillors; which were less than $1 \%$ of votes cast between them. The results remained the same as the original count.

## Options / Discussions

Items of concern from this election to be considered for 2022:

1. Amendment to Election Sign Bylaw - size of signs on public property
2. Amendment to Recount policy - 1\% is quite a high number; amend to 10 votes or less AND unsuccessful candidate/scrutineer must attend recount
3. Logistics of venue - unobstructed entrance to the voting place
4. Designated area behind voting machines for scrutineers
5. More advanced education concerning additions to the voters list
6. More education to non-resident owners of corporate businesses who are ineligible to vote
7. Ovals on the ballot need to be more clearly defined

Overall, the entire election process ran very smoothly. Wait times were at the most 10 minutes. Many thanks to all of the election workers; and especially to Town employees who gave up time from their own desks/jobs: Ryan Dagelman, Shawna Ducharme, Katelyn Guertin, Pamela MacDonald-Wolk and Stella Williams.

Other Departments Consulted and Affected

## Attachments

2018 Election Results

CAO Comments


