

C. Presentation (7:00 p.m.)

C.1 Presentation by Stephen Beamish, Dominion Voting Systems

Re: Internet and Telephone Voting Process for the 2018 Municipal and School Board Election in The Blue Mountains

Town Clerk Corrina Giles spoke noting that on March 6, 2017 Council considered and approved internet and telephone voting for the 2018 municipal and school board elections. The Town has entered into an agreement with Dominion Voting Systems to assist with the 2018 election.

Corrina noted that 8 of the 9 municipalities in Grey County are utilizing internet and telephone voting for the 2018 election with the assistance of Dominion Voting. The Town of The Blue Mountains, Manager of Information Technology and staff have performed a security review of Dominion Voting Systems and have confirmed that no concerns were identified.

Corrina noted that the Voting Period commences at 10:00 a.m. October 12 and will continue to Voting Day, October 22, 8:00 pm

Corrina then introduced Stephen Beamish of Dominion Voting, noting Mr. Beamish is here this evening to provide Council with an overview of the Internet and Voting system and to answer questions from Council. Corrina noted that Mr. Beamish will be speaking at information sessions for electors in late August, throughout Grey County, and that electors will have the opportunity to attend any of the sessions as the eight municipalities are using the same voting system.

Corrina noted that a Help Centre will be available in the Town Hall closer to the election to allow electors to confirm they are on the voters list, and to receive assistance with the voting system, where required.

Stephen then spoke thanking Council for hearing his presentation regarding internet and telephone voting. Stephen noted that Dominion Voting is Canada's largest election systems provider, and is a Canadian company based in Toronto.

Stephen then referenced the integration with Datafix, the company used by the Town to manage the voter list.

Stephen then spoke regarding certifications, and provided an overview of the internet and telephone voting system,

Stephen provided a review of the internet voting network, noting it is a one-step registration process.

Stephen noted that electors will receive a letter in the mail that will include their PIN and Voter ID information, and that the list of races, including the list of candidates will be included on the back of the letter.

Stephen then spoke regarding service and support, noting that Dominion works with the Town on the coordination of the Town's ballots and language in the voter letter.

Council then viewed the Dominion Voting video on voting by internet.

Councillor Halos questioned if there are any fraud, privacy or hacking issues with this system, Stephen replying no, further noting that voter outreach and education is key.

Councillor Martin then questioned the relationship between Dominion and Datafix, Stephen replying that Datafix manages the voter list. Councillor Martin questioned if Dominion will know if the system has been hacked, Stephen spoke in response noting that there are specific security protocols in place.

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Michael Seguin

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains consider amending By-Law 2017-12 dated March 6, 2017 to strike "internet and telephone" and substitute "mail-in voting"

Deputy Mayor Ardiel requested a recorded vote

Deputy Mayor Ardiel Nay

Councillor Gamble Nay

Councillor Halos Nay

Councillor Martin Yay

Councillor McGee Nay

Councillor Seguin Yay

Mayor McKean Nay

The motion is Lost.

D. Adjournment

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 9:04 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.

John McKean, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk