

## 23-134-CRS Methods to Fill Vacancy for Office of Councillor, Ward 1

### Appendix D – Election Method Comparisons

Option / Method	Pros	Cons	Other Considerations
Option 1A: Internet Only Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost effective (approximately \$30,000)</li><li>• Convenient and accessible method for voters</li><li>• Fastest method for preparation and results</li><li>• Could result in higher voter turn out</li><li>• Longer window for voters to cast their ballot October 30-November 13, 2023</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May disenfranchise certain voters who do not have access to technology or who are not comfortable with it</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This method will require an at home voting program</li><li>• This method would require Advance voting days at facilities in addition to the ability for voters to vote from home at their convenience</li></ul>
Option 1B: Paper Ballot with Tabulators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost effective method (approximately \$25,000)</li><li>• Requires more time for preparation from staff and vendor</li><li>• Election staff have the opportunity to</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will offer fewer voting days</li><li>• Some voters may not have time or transportation to attend a voting location in-person</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This method will still require an at home voting program</li><li>• This method would require Advance voting days at facilities</li></ul>

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	<p>assist and educate voters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results can be tabulated quickly and accurately calculated</li> <li>Voter's can recast their ballot if they make an error as tabulators are programmed to reject ballot issues such as over votes or ambiguous marks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option has a larger impact on staff resources</li> </ul>	
Option 1C: Internet and Paper Ballot with Tabulators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistent with method of delivery used in 2022 Municipal &amp; School Board Election</li> <li>Provides a wider range of options for all voters</li> <li>Could result in higher voter turn out due to internet voting component</li> <li>Longer opportunity to vote through internet voting option</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most costly and time consuming method to deliver (approximately \$100,000)</li> <li>This option has a larger impact on staff resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This method will still require an at home voting program</li> <li>This method would require Advance voting days at facilities</li> </ul>

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Option 1D: Paper Ballot with manual count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most cost effective method for delivery (approximately \$20,000)</li> <li>• Election staff have the opportunity to assist and educate voters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will offer fewer voting days</li> <li>• Some voters may not have time or transportation to attend a voting location in person</li> <li>• Voters would not be able to recast their ballot if they make an error as per voter secrecy ballots cannot be checked before they are cast through this method</li> <li>• Could be delays in calculating results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This method will still require an at home voting program</li> <li>• This method would require Advance voting days at facilities</li> <li>• Additional staff will be required for results calculation and auditing purposes</li> </ul>
Option 2A  Appointment to the next-place finisher in the most recent municipal election.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earlier filing of the vacancy through appointment process</li> <li>• There would not be any financial implications for</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates may not be interested in filling the vacancy</li> <li>• Not filling the vacancy through</li> </ul>	

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	Option 2A other than additional staff time	the democratic process	
<p>Option 2B</p> <p>Appointment of a Candidate of Council's Choice without a formal selection process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earlier filling of the vacancy through appointment process</li> <li>• There would not be any financial implications for Option 2B other than additional staff time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates may not be interested in filling the vacancy</li> <li>• Not filling the vacancy through the democratic process</li> </ul>	
<p>Option 2C</p> <p>Appointment by Call for Applications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earlier filling of the vacancy through appointment process</li> <li>• Open Call out for interested eligible candidates may reach more than the election process</li> <li>• Minimal financial implications for advertising of call out for appointments and staff time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates may not be interested in filling the vacancy</li> <li>• Not filling the vacancy through the democratic process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option would require a communications plan to ensure the public and potential candidates are made aware of the appointment process</li> </ul>

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	<p>(approximately \$2,500)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transparent process as the presentations and questions of all eligible candidates must be conducted in an open Council meeting.</li> <li>• The Public may observe the Open meeting in person or via live stream and may delegate.</li> <li>• This is a cost effective method that invites candidates with limited cost implications around the need for a campaign</li> </ul>		