



## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>Bylaw 1448/19 – Voting Station Bylaw</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1448/19.</li> <li>2. That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1448/19.</li> <li>3. That Council consider third reading of Bylaw 1448/19.</li> <li>4. That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1448/19.</li> </ol>
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	That Council adopt Bylaw 1448/19 to align with recent amendments to the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i> .
<b>Previous Council Direction</b>	<p><u>July 6, 2004 Council Meeting:</u></p> <p>Motion 380/04: That Bylaw 1032/04 be given first reading this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2004.</p> <p>Motion 381/04: That Bylaw 1032/04 be given second reading this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2004.</p> <p>Motion 382/04: That Bylaw 1032/04 be submitted for third and final reading this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2004.</p> <p>Motion 383/04: That Bylaw 1032/04 be given third reading this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2004.</p>
<b>Report</b>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Sturgeon County, each ward forms one voting subdivision. Under provincial legislation that has since been repealed, municipalities could apply to the Minister of Municipal Affairs (the Minister) for permission to operate more than one voting station in each voting subdivision.</li> <li>• Bylaw 1032/04, a Bylaw to Adopt a Modified Voting Procedure, was passed in July 2004. Following the passing of that Bylaw, an application was made to the Minister for Ministerial approval to allow for more than one voting station in each voting subdivision.</li> <li>• As part of the 2018 <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i> (LAEA) review conducted by Municipal Affairs, the Modified Voting Procedure Regulation was repealed.</li> <li>• Section 36(1) of the LAEA, current as of January 1, 2019, states that the elected authority, or the returning officer if authorized by resolution of</li> </ul>

	<p>the elected authority, may divide the local jurisdiction into voting subdivisions and may from time to time alter their boundaries but may not alter them between the time of the giving notice of an election and the election day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 37(1) of the LAEA states that the returning officer shall designate the location of one voting station only for each voting subdivision and the location may be outside the area.</li> <li>• Section 37(3) of the LAEA states that the elected authority may pass a bylaw allowing the returning officer to designate more than one voting station for each subdivision and the location of those voting stations for that election.</li> <li>• Bylaw 1448/19 will allow the returning officer to establish several voting stations in the 2019 Division 2 by-election and future general elections, ensuring that electors have the maximum opportunity to participate in the democratic process.</li> <li>• Section 187(4) of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> (MGA) states that a proposed bylaw must not have more than two readings at a Council meeting unless the Councillors present unanimously agree to consider third reading. A decision is required as soon as possible to allow for the efficient planning of the Division 2 by-election; therefore, Administration strongly encourages Council to consider all three readings of Bylaw 1448/19 at the July 9, 2019 Council meeting.</li> </ul> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Returning Officer will communicate the locations of voting stations through election advertising.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Local Authorities Election Act, sections 36 and 37</i></li> <li>• <i>Municipal Government Act, section 187(4)</i></li> <li>• Bylaw 1032/04 – Modified Voting Procedure Bylaw</li> </ul>
<b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p><b>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership</b> – Ensuring municipal bylaws reflect provincial legislative changes demonstrates a commitment to strong local governance.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	<p>Council could decide to defeat Bylaw 1448/19.</p>

<b>Implications of Alternatives</b>	<p>A decision not to adopt Bylaw 1448/19 would result in misalignment between the Bylaw and the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i> and would not allow for more than one voting station per Division.</p> <p>If unanimous consent is not obtained to consider third reading of Bylaw 1448/19 at the July 9, 2019 Council meeting, Administration will recommend a Special Council Meeting be held for this purpose. Due to the short notice of the Division 2 Councillor's resignation and the timing of the by-election, this Bylaw could not have been brought forward sooner.</p>
<b>Follow up Action</b>	1. Arrange for the Mayor and CAO to sign Bylaw 1448/19 (Legislative Services).
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<p>1. Bylaw 1448/19 – Voting Station Bylaw</p> <p>2. Bylaw 1032/04 – Modified Voting Procedure Bylaw</p>
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<p> Jesse Sopko, Manager, Legislative Services &amp; Information Management</p> <p> Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO</p>

## Strategic Alignment Checklist

**Vision:** *Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.*

**Mission:** *Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.*

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
<b>Planned Growth and Prosperity</b>			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 36)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Supports a strong thriving business environment to strengthen our economic foundation</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Plans for responsible growth through the MDP and regional growth plan.</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Manages growth for current and future developments through:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>transparent bylaws, policies and processes to enable responsible land development</i></li> <li><i>targeting growth around existing and identified future growth areas</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities</b>			
<i>We are committed to a safe and viable community, where our residents are provided with access to opportunities and quality of life. (Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Provides access to programs and services that have a positive impact on residents' quality of life</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Provides access to safe and reliable infrastructure assets</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Supports the safety of people and property</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Strong Local and Regional Governance</b>			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Provides effective leadership and management consistent with Strategic Plan, MDP, master plans, bylaws, policies, community engagement</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Fosters collaborative intergovernmental partnerships</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Identity &amp; Spirit</b>			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Support and/or collaborate with voluntary organizations in the region</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>			
<i>We foster a healthy environment and minimize our impact on ecosystems. (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Plans and partnerships that minimize environmental impact on natural areas</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Provides awareness of environmental issues impacting the County</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>