

## **STAFF REPORT**

**Prepared by:** Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk | **Report No.** ADMIN-20-2019

**Agenda date:** May 27, 2019

Subject: 2018 Municipal Election – Financial Statements and Notice of Default

## **Recommendation:**

This report is provided for information purposes only in accordance with Section 88.23 (4) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, which states the Clerk shall make available to the public a report setting out all candidates in an election and indicating whether each candidate complied with Section 88.25.

## **Background:**

Section 88.25 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996 (*MEA*) requires all election candidates to file their financial statements (Form 4) by **2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019**. Failure to file said financial statements will result in the candidate forfeiting any office to which he or she was elected; and until the next regular election has taken place, the candidate is ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which the *MEA* applies (*Section 88.23 (2) MEA*). This also means that if the candidate was unsuccessful in the election, he or she is ineligible to run in the next municipal election or to be appointed to any office to which the *MEA* applies.

Section 88.25 (9) of the *MEA* requires the Clerk to give every candidate notice of the filing requirements at least 30 days before the filing date. Candidates were issued a courtesy reminder email on January 31, 2019, and the formal written letter on February 22, 2019.

Following the filing date of March 29, 2019, one candidate received a Notice of Default explaining he had the option to pay a late filing fee of \$500.00 as per Section 88.23 (9) of the *MEA* to file his financial statement prior to **2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2019** to avoid the penalties as described in Section 88.23 (2) of the *MEA*. The candidate failed to file his financial statement (Form 4).

A Notice of Default was issued to election candidate Jason Burgoyne. All other election candidates complied with Section 88.25 of the *MEA*.

All election candidates' financial statements (Form 4) have been posted to the municipal website. The Notice of Default has also been posted to the municipal website. Once this report is received by Council, it too will be posted to the municipal website.

## **Financial Implication:**

There is no financial implication associated with this report.

Signature: Daw Lecosh Date: May 17, 2019

Approved by: Date: May 23, 2019