



MUNICIPAL POLICY

Appendix A to Municipal By-Law no. 1046

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RECOUNT OF BALLOTS

Purpose and legislative context

Pursuant to subsection 56(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, a municipality may adopt a policy regarding the circumstances under which the Clerk will be required to conduct a recount of the votes cast in an election.

This policy aims to establish what circumstances, beyond those provided for by law, would necessitate a recount of ballots in the 2026 municipal elections.

Circumstances that could trigger a recount

The law stipulates that a recount will be held in the event of a tie (s. 56(1)), by resolution of Council (s. 57(1)), and by order of the Superior Court of Justice following an elector's application (s. 58(1)).

At the request of a candidate: A recount will also be held at the request of an unsuccessful candidate for the position they were seeking, when the difference between their vote total and that of the last elected candidate is 10 votes or fewer.

- When: This recount will be conducted within fifteen (15) days of the Clerk's declaration of the results.
 - How: The Clerk will follow the procedure prescribed by law for conducting the recount (method of procedure, attendees, examination of ballots, tie-breaking, etc.).
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