



## Recounts

Municipal Election Clerk's Procedure 12-26  
Municipal Elections Act, 1996  
May 29, 2026

Pursuant to Section 56(1) of the Act, a recount is required when:

- there is a tie vote where both or all Candidates cannot be declared elected (automatic recount);
- by resolution of Council (for Offices on Council only);
- by order of the Superior Court of Justice.

Pursuant to Section 60(1) of the Act, a recount shall be conducted in the same manner as the original count whether manually or by vote-counting equipment unless otherwise ordered by a judge.

Pursuant to Section 62(3) of the Act, if the recount indicates a tie vote, the Clerk shall choose the successful Candidate or Candidates by lot.

The Clerk shall attend the recount and bring the cast ballots, vote tabulators, results envelopes and all documents that, in the opinion of the Clerk, are relevant to the recount;

For paper Ballot recounts, the same vote tabulators and Ballots cast from each Voter Assistance Centre will be paired up for the recount and processed in the same manner they were on Election Day. Any issues arising with processing the Ballots through the vote tabulator will be handled in accordance with the applicable Procedures.

Results will be tabulated in accordance with applicable Procedures.

Recounts for ballots cast using telephone/internet voting will be conducted in coordination with Neuvote Systems Inc.

A recount shall not be conducted in any other manner or using any other Procedure unless otherwise ordered and specified by a judge.

In accordance with Section 61(1) of the Act, Certified Candidates for the office in which the recount is taking place, and one Scrutineer for each Candidate may be present at the recount and may examine paper Ballots however they may not touch the Ballots.