



Emergencies During the Voting Period

Municipal Election Clerk's Procedure 11-26

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

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In the event that any circumstances arise that are likely to prevent the election from being conducted in accordance with the Act, the Clerk has the discretion to declare an emergency and make any arrangements they deem necessary for the conduct of the election.

In the event of an emergency, the Clerk shall advertise and post notices that the Election has been delayed or extended as the case may be, utilizing any or all of the following media as the Clerk deems necessary: website, radio, social media, and television stations if possible.

In the event of an emergency, and a decision by the Clerk, Neuvote Systems Inc., under direction from the Clerk, may be directed to stop the Voting System from accepting calls via telephone and connections from the Internet. Alternatively, Neuvote Systems Inc. may also be directed to extend the Voting Period depending on the nature of such emergency.

In the event of an emergency that prohibits Voter Assistance Centres (VACs) from being open on the dates and times established by the Clerk, and paper Ballots cannot be processed using Vote Tabulators, the Clerk shall advise Electors and Certified Candidates that all voting must be done using the Telephone/Internet Voting System.

Given the options available to Electors to vote from any personal device with an internet connection, any event that results in one or more VACs becoming unavailable for use during the Voting Period (e.g. power failure, flooding) shall not be sufficient to cause the Clerk to declare an emergency, delay the vote, open a new VAC, or extend the Voting Period unless otherwise determined by the Clerk.

In the event the Clerk is unable to be present to conduct these Procedures at any point during the Voting Period, there shall be a suitable qualified person appointed or available to attend to election details.

If deemed necessary, the Clerk may require public health screening of individuals entering a VAC, the use of personal protective equipment, social distancing, and/or regular sanitization of surfaces at VACs as needed.

Notwithstanding any provisions in this Section, the Clerk shall have authority to implement any contingency necessary even if no formal emergency has been declared.