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Subject: Memo: Possible Extension of the Candidate Nomination Period – RTS 14282
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Dear Mayor and Council,

On January 20, 2021, staff presented to Council a “Report Back on the Random Order Ballot Model Used in the 2018 Vancouver Election”. One part of the resolution passed by Council at that meeting directed staff to report back on the possibility of extending the candidate nomination period. The purpose of the attached memo is to update Council on the status of this report back request (RTS 14282).

- In order to extend the candidate nomination period, changes to the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act will be significantly impacted therefore consultations with other municipalities would be recommended.
- Staff recommends that Council consider bringing forward a resolution in support of the above request through the UBCM process, so that it could be considered for future elections.
- The Province has signaled that this change will not be implemented in time for the upcoming 2022 municipal election.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Rosemary Hagiwara at Rosemary.Hagiwara@vancouver.ca

Best,
Paul

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MEMORANDUM

April 15, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, Acting City Manager
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FROM: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Possible Extension of the Candidate Nomination Period – RTS 14282

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to update Council on the status of the report back on the possibility of extending the candidate nomination period.

Background

On January 20, 2021, staff presented to Council a "Report Back on the Random Order Ballot Model Used in the 2018 Vancouver Election". The report recommendations were amended to include the following:

C. THAT Council direct staff to report back on a possible amendment to the Vancouver Charter to extend the candidate nomination period and move it to earlier in the election year (87 days), with additional considerations to synchronize the campaign period (currently 28 days) as defined in the Local Election Campaign Finance Act, to ensure reporting of third party advertising once candidates are nominated.

It should be noted that the recent changes to the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act (LECA) found in [Bill 9](#) (Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act, 2021) created a pre-campaign period for the application of election advertising rules that address concerns related to third party advertising sponsors and transparency. It is the City's understanding that in order to extend the nomination period, the campaign financing rules found in LECFA will need to be further amended. Any changes to these statutory deadlines require consultation by the Province with other stakeholders and would be best considered through the UBCM resolution process.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that Council consider bringing forward a resolution in support of the above request through the UBCM process, so that it could be considered for future elections.

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