Internet and Telephone Voting

Belleville shall keep its Internet and Telephone Voting open until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day and its Voter Assistance Centres access opened until the Clerk confirms that all Eligible Electors in the Voter Assistance Centres have completed voting.

After the Clerk has confirmed that all Eligible Electors within the Voter Assistance Centres have voted, the Clerk shall request the close of the Internet and Telephone Voting.

Prior to the generation of the results from the Internet and Telephone Voting, and following the close of voting, the appointed Auditor will attempt to vote and confirm that it is not possible to access the Internet or Telephone Voting system.

After the Auditor has confirmed that it is not possible to access the Internet or Telephone Voting system, the Clerk shall request the results be generated for those votes cast through Internet and Telephone.

Paper Ballots using Vote Tabulators

Before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, the Clerk shall have the ballot boxes from each day from each Voter Assistance Centre brought to the 1st floor of City Hall and have them placed in the staff area visible from the public area.

After the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, the Clerk shall cause each of the ballot boxes to be opened, in the presence of the Tabulator Technicians that were responsible for the ballot box, for the purpose of opening the Auxiliary compartment to ensure that no ballots are present.

Should any ballots be present in the Auxiliary compartment, the Tabulator Technician will be asked to resume the poll on the applicable tabulator and feed the ballots through the tabulator.

After it has been confirmed that any ballots in the Auxiliary compartments have been processed through the tabulators, the Clerk shall have the tabulator close the polls. The results tape will automatically print. After the results tape has finished printing, the entire tape from the zero count to the close of polls will be removed from the tabulator.

A second reports tape will be printed.

Compilation of Internet and Telephone Results and Tabulator Results

The results from each Tabulator memory card and the Internet and Telephone Voting will be uploaded into the Results Management platform. Once the results have been compiled, the Unofficial Results will be publicly posted and available on the City's website. The Clerk shall post the Official Results on the City's website as soon as practical after Election Day.

Candidates and Scrutineers

Prior to entering the viewing area in City Hall, Scrutineers shall produce satisfactory identification and a properly signed Appointment of Scrutineer by Candidate form. Scrutineers may be required to take the Oral Oath of Secrecy.

Either a Candidate or their Scrutineer (maximum of 1) may be present at City Hall as the results from the tabulators are produced.

Any Candidate or Scrutineer present may watch, from the public side of the counter, the process undertaken in importing the results from the Internet and Telephone Voting and Tabulators into the Results Management platform.

At the close of voting, the use of a mobile communication devices or recording devices shall not be permitted within City Hall by any Candidate or Scrutineer in attendance, until after the Clerk has publicly posted the results of the election on the City's website

In an election where votes have been cast electronically through Internet or Telephone, or have been counted by Vote Tabulator, no Scrutineer or Candidate is entitled to object to, examine or challenge a ballot or the tabulation or reporting of results. Any concerns raised by a Candidate or Scrutineer shall be directed to the Clerk, or designate, who may record the concern as an election incident or procedural note.