

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 9, 2004

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the Conduct of the 2004 School Board Election

RESOURCE
STAFF: Anne Sherwood

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act*:

- a) Section 2(2), authorization for the board chairman and the board secretary to sign an agreement with the City of Edmonton for the conduct of the school board election for Edmonton School District No. 7 in conjunction with the 2004 civic election, be approved.
- b) Section 13(1), the appointment of the City's Returning Officer as the Returning Officer for the purposes of the school board election be approved.

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The City of Edmonton has conducted the election of school board trustees in conjunction with the last five civic elections. The agreement for 2004 will contain provisions for:

- a) use of vote recorders;
- b) sharing of joint costs of the election (on the basis of 60% City of Edmonton, 29% Edmonton Public School Board and 11% Edmonton Catholic School Board);
- c) every nomination of a candidate for trustee to be accompanied by a cash deposit in the amount of \$100 in accordance with the board's 1989 election deposits by-law;
- d) every nomination form to be signed by at least twenty-five voters in accordance with the board's Number of Nominators for Trustee Candidate By-law;
- e) nine public school trustees to be elected by wards as set out in Ministerial Orders 007/95 and 017/95.
- f) any additional costs for advertising, notification, publication or advising of electors, or candidates with respect to the nine wards, beyond the costs for election communications aligned with the City's messages, to be the sole responsibility of the board
- g) the mutual indemnification of the City and the Board for any act, statement or omission of their respective officers or agents in connection with the school board election.

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