

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 12, 2010

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Agreement with the City of Edmonton for the Conduct of the 2010 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 Chair and the Board Secretary to sign an agreement with the City of Edmonton to conduct the school board election on behalf of Edmonton School District No. 7 in conjunction with the 2010 municipal election, be approved; and,
- b) Section 13(1), the appointment of the City's Returning Officer as the Returning Officer for the purposes of the 2010 school board election for Edmonton School District No. 7 be approved.

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The City of Edmonton has conducted the school board elections for both Edmonton Public School Board and Edmonton Catholic School Board in conjunction with the last seven municipal elections. The agreement contains 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 2004 Number of Nominators for Trustee Candidate By-law);
- e) nine public school trustees to be elected by wards;
- 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; and
- 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.

AS:mmf