

Township of The Archipelago

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Moved by Councillor Manners Seconded by Councillor Andrews

RE: <u>Request that Minister Clark review the Municipal Elections Act and provide</u> <u>amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording to assist Municipal</u> <u>Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be</u> <u>made when adding names to the voters' list</u>

WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago recognizes that the current language in the Municipal Elections Act with regards to non-resident electors, is weak and ambiguous;

AND WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago wishes to ensure the integrity of the election process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago hereby request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, initiate a review of the Municipal Elections Act and make amendments to provide such clearer, stronger wording, to assist Municipal Clerks in addressing issues related to non-resident electors, and to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to enforce the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Norm Miller MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried.