

Council Member Motion Council Meeting, September 29, 2022

Date: September 29, 2022

From: Councillor Andrew

Subject: Additional voter mailout on election

Late motion rationale: The General Municipal Election is October 15, 2022. If the recommendation is approved, to meet printing and delivery deadlines, this motion must be considered immediately.

Background:

The City of Victoria addressed voter cards to all eligible voters within the city. Unlike provincial and federal elections, voter cards were not mailed to individuals, but to addresses where several voters may live.

This move resulted in certain voters not receiving their voter cards.

There is a perception voter cards are required to vote, they are not. But, that perception could impede voter turnout.

Recommendation:

- 1. That Council direct staff to send a non-addressed mailer to all homes in the City of Victoria to remind citizens to vote and to reaffirm voting requirements. And council assign additional sufficient budget to pay for this additional mailout.
- 2. If approved, this motion be forwarded to the daytime council meeting of September 29, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councillor S. Andrew