



**SUBJECT:** 2014 Municipal Election –Special Voting Places, Times & Locations

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Report entitled “2014 Municipal Election –Special Voting Places, Times & Locations” be received; and,
2. That a by-law be adopted to establish special voting hours for institutions and retirement homes as outlined in Attachment “A”, and further,
3. That staff be authorized to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s authorization for the proposed location and voting hours of Special Voting Places for the 2014 Municipal Election.

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 45 (7) of the Municipal Election Act (MEA) requires that a Special Voting Place be established in all of Markham’s long term care facilities with 20 or more beds and in retirement homes with 50 or more beds on Voting Day (October 27, 2014). Further, Section 46 (3) the MEA provides for the passage of a by-law providing for reduced voting hours in Special Voting Places. This is typically done because voting is offered only to residents of these facilities and is usually completed in a relatively short period of time.

**OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:**

Based on the MEA criteria, staff are recommending the 12 locations noted below be established as Special Voting Places for the 2014 Municipal Election. With the exception of the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Rehabilitation Unit and The Marleigh, all of the proposed Special Voting Places were used in the 2010 Municipal Election. The proposed voting hours on Voting Day (October 27, 2014) are noted beside each location name.

No.	Special Voting Location:	Voting Hours on October 27, 2014:
1	St. Luke’s Lodge, 49 Green Lane	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
2	Union Villa, 4300 Highway 7	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
3	Sunrise Assisted Care, 38 Swansea Road	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
4	Bethany Lodge, 23 Second Street South	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
5	Rouge Valley Retirement Residence, 5958 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
6	Markhaven, 54 Parkway Avenue	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
7	The Woodhaven, 380 Church Street	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
8	Amica at Swan Lake, 6360 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
9	Yee Hong Centre, 2780 Bur Oak Avenue	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

10	Glynwood Retirement, 7700 Bayview Avenue	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
11	The Marleigh, 34 Main Street	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
12	Markham-Stouffville Hospital - Rehabilitation Unit	12:00 NOON – 5:00 PM

Legislative Services Staff have confirmed with the Central Local Health Integration Network and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care that there are no other facilities in Markham that should be deemed a Special Voting Place for the 2014 Municipal Election based on the MEA criteria.

As in previous Municipal Elections in Markham, staff will work very closely with the Administrators of each Special Voting Place to ensure all eligible voters resident in these facilities and who wish to vote, have the opportunity to do so. Where required, bed-to-bed service will be provided.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE:**

Funding is available in the 2014 Election reserve account to accommodate the co-ordination and administration associated with Special Voting Places.

**HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

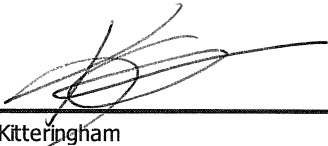
Not applicable.

**BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

X



Kimberley Kitteringham  
Returning Officer

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Trinela Cane  
Commissioner of Corporate Services

*Attachment "A"* – A by-law establishing reduced hours of voting for institutions and retirement homes for the 2014 Municipal Election