

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Elections Ontario Polling Place Rental Agreement		
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk		
<b>Department:</b>	Clerk's		
<b>Date:</b>	February 25, 2025		
<b>Report Number:</b>	CLK2025-04	<b>File Number:</b>	C11CL, L04
<b>Attachments:</b>	Elections Ontario Polling Place Rental Agreement – Cargill Community Centre		

### **Recommendation:**

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2025-04 - Elections Ontario Polling Place Rental Agreement, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward entering into an agreement with Elections Ontario for the rental of the Cargill Community Centre as a polling place for the Provincial Election on February 27, 2025, thereby ratifying the signing of the rental agreement by the Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and Chief Administrative Officer.

### **Report:**

#### **Background:**

The Province of Ontario are holding an Election on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Elections Ontario approached the Municipality of Brockton to inquire about renting the Cargill Community Centre as a polling place for the Provincial Election.

The Municipality has previously provided both the Cargill Community Centre and Walkerton Community Centre as polling places/voting locations in the Federal Election.

#### **Analysis:**

Due to the time sensitive nature of the Provincial Election, Elections Ontario required confirmation from the Municipality of Brockton by February 14, 2025 to finalize the polling locations.

Elections Ontario have rented the Cargill Community Centre from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on February 26, 2025 to set up for the Election, and from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on February 27, 2025 during the Election voting day.

The Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and Chief Administrative Officer signed the polling place rental agreement with Elections Ontario on February 13, 2025. The fully signed copy of the agreement is attached to this report for reference.

Staff recommend enacting a By-Law ratifying the signing of the polling place rental agreement with Elections Ontario.

The Municipality have promoted Brockton's voting locations for the Provincial Election, which include both the Cargill Community Centre and the Walkerton Legion.

Residents can vote at the Cargill Community Centre on Election Day, February 27, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Walkerton Legion will be available for early voting on February 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Election Day, February 27, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **Strategic Action Plan Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision                       | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community              | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life                               | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development                          | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance                          | Yes |

### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

The Provincial Government will be paying for the cost of custodial staff (\$45.86/hour + HST for both February 26 and 27, 2025); however, the Province is exempt from paying the Cargill Community Centre rental fee (approximately \$103 for set-up on February 26<sup>th</sup>, and \$350 for auditorium rental on February 27<sup>th</sup>).

### **Reviewed By:**



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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### **Respectfully Submitted by:**



Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk

**Reviewed By:**

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer