

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON APRIL 8, 2014
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT	ADVANCE VOTING DAYS FOR THE 2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the proposed attached by-law (Appendix "A") BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on April 15, 2014 to establish the following advance voting dates and times:

- Saturday October 11, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Tuesday October 14, 2014 to Saturday, October 18, 2014, inclusive, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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None.

BACKGROUND

Subsection 43(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, provides that the Council of a local municipality shall pass a by-law establishing one or more dates for an advance vote and the hours during which voting places shall be open on that date or dates.

"Shop-and-Vote" advance voting in shopping malls was successfully introduced for the 2003 Municipal Election. For the 2006 and 2010 Municipal Elections, "Shop-and-Vote" was expanded through the introduction of a real-time wireless voters' list. Advance voters were able to vote in any advance poll location. This "vote anywhere" capability will be continued for the 2014 Municipal Election advance polls on Saturday, October 11, 2014, Thursday, October 16, 2014 and Saturday, October 18, 2014 each day from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Voter Notification Cards will be bar coded and will provide the advance vote Deputy Returning Officers with the ability to scan voter notification cards to quickly access the elector's information and thereby result in a reduction in the processing time for electors. This system will ensure that our advance voting process is as convenient and accessible to electors as possible.

In addition to the three advance voting days, an advance vote poll be located in a Committee Room in City Hall and at Citi Plaza for 6 days, from Saturday, October 11, 2014 to Saturday October 18, 2014, (excluding Thanksgiving Sunday and Monday), each day from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. This will allow eligible electors from throughout the City who are in the vicinity of City Hall and the downtown core, the opportunity to vote.

At all advance voting locations, there will be a voter assist terminal available, designed for voters who cannot negotiate a paper ballot, in addition to the regular paper ballots used in all poll locations. The voter assist terminal allows the voter to produce a machine-readable marked paper ballot from a blank sheet of paper, which is completely indistinguishable from a paper ballot marked by hand. The voter uses headphones to hear the ballot presentation, and uses a handheld controller device to control the voting session and to select votes. This program is being expanded from 2010, when one machine was located at City Hall, to locating machines at all advance voting locations for 2014. This election, the advance vote polls will be expanded to

include two week-long locations, and will utilize additional new public facilities throughout the City.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
SARAH CORMAN MANAGER LICENSING AND ELECTIONS	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

Bill No.
2014

By-law No.

A by-law to establish the dates for advance
voting and the hours during which voting places

shall be open on those dates for the

2014 Municipal Election.

WHEREAS subsection 43(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, provides that the council of a local municipality shall pass a by-law establishing one or more dates for an advance vote and the hours during which voting places shall be open on that date or dates;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The following advance voting dates and times are hereby established for the October 27, 2014 Municipal Election:

- a) Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- b) Tuesday, October 14, 2014 to Saturday, October 18, 2014, inclusive, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

2. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on April 15, 2014.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – April 15, 2014
Second Reading – April 15, 2014
Third Reading – April 15, 2014