

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON APRIL 3, 2018</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ADVANCE VOTING DAYS</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A") BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on April 10, 2018 to amend By-law E.-181-115, being "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 2018 Municipal Election" by providing for an additional advance voting day on October 4, 2018, in addition to the previously established dates of October 6, 2018 and October 9, 2018 to October 13, 2018, inclusive.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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Corporate Services Committee – March 28, 2017

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended states that all municipalities must have an advance vote on one or more dates and that the clerk shall establish the dates, the number and location of voting places, and the hours the voting places will be open.

At the Municipal Council Meeting held on April 4, 2017, Municipal Council enacted By-law E.-181-115 to establish the dates for advance voting and hours during which voting places shall be open for the 2018 Municipal Election. The dates established by By-law E.-181-115 are as follows:

Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 to Saturday, October 13, 2018, inclusive, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

It has recently come to our attention that Western University's Fall Reading Week will be held the week of October 8, 2018 to October 12, 2018. It had been intended that the advance vote at Western University and Fanshawe College campuses would be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018, which is during Western University's Fall Reading Week. In order to provide an opportunity for Western University and Fanshawe College students, faculty and staff to participate in the advance vote, we will be changing the date of the advance vote for Western University and Fanshawe College, from Thursday, October 11, 2018 to Thursday, October 4, 2018. As a result, it is recommended that By-law E.-181-115 be amended to provide for the additional advance voting day.

<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED BY:</b>
<b>SARAH CORMAN MANAGER, LICENSING AND ELECTIONS</b>	<b>CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK</b>

## APPENDIX "A"

Bill No.  
2018

By-law No. E.-181-115 ()

A by-law to amend By-law No. E.-181-115 being "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 2018 Municipal Election" by providing for an additional advance voting day on October 4, 2018.

WHEREAS subsection 43(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, provides that before voting day, each local municipality shall hold an advance vote on one or more dates.

AND WHEREAS subsection 43(2) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, provides that subject to subsection 43(3), the clerk shall establish, the date or dates on which the advance vote is held; the number and location of voting places for the advance vote; and the hours during which the voting places shall be open for the advance vote, which may be different voting places.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed appropriate to provide for an additional advance voting day for Western University and Fanshawe College;

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

1. Section 1 of By-law E.-181-115 be deleted in its entirety and be replaced with the following new Section 1:

"1. The following advance voting dates and times are hereby established for the October 22, 2018 Municipal Election:

- a) Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 10 AM to 8:00 PM
- b) Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- c) Tuesday, October 9, 2018 to Saturday, October 13, 2018, inclusive, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM;

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

PASSED in Open Council on April 10, 2018.

Matt Brown  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk

First Reading – April 10, 2018  
Second Reading – April 10, 2018  
Third Reading – April 10, 2018