

Village of Hines Creek Council

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	April 13, 2021
Originated By:	Leanne Walmsley, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	New Business – Operation of a Joint Polling Station with the Peace River School Division/Village of Hines Creek
File:	0113

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Peace River School Division would like to once again enter into an agreement to operate joint polling stations with municipalities within Peace River School Division. The success of this operation was proven at the last few elections which showed quite a significant cost savings in conducting an election. Some of the terms that they would propose would be as follows:

- The Municipality and Peace River School Division would each appoint their own Returning Officer. The Returning Officer of the Municipality would be the Deputy Returning Officer of Peace River School Division and would have the authority and responsibility necessary to conduct the vote for the School Authority.
- The reimbursement for Deputy Returning Officer and Presiding Deputy Returning Officers fees and expenses would be divided equally with rates mutually agreed upon.
- The Deputy Returning Officers would report to both Returning Officers with information respecting the local authority that employs the Returning Officer.
- The location of the polling stations would be mutually agreed upon by the Returning Officer.
- Facility rental costs for polling stations would be shared equally.
- Each local authority to supply their own ballots and ballot boxes.
- Voting Registers to be printed in duplicate with one authority name printed on one copy and the other authority printed on the other copy and the cost shared equally.
- Advertising for Notice of Nomination to be done separately at the cost of each authority.
- Advertising for Notice of Election to be done separately but in consultation with each other so as to be consistent.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That Council agrees to enter into an agreement to operate a joint polling station with the Peace River School Division for the October 18, 2021.

Initials show support- Reviewed by:	Manager:	C.A.O. <i>Lu</i>
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