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**TO:** Mayor and Council

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Chief and Deputy Election Officers for the 2020 By-Election

**DATE:** August 7, 2020

**FROM:** Chief Administrative Officer

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Under Section 58 of the *Local Government Act* a local government is required to appoint the Chief Election Officer and the Deputy Chief Election Officer. The Chief Election Officer is then required to appoint such election officials as may be required to conduct the local by-election for 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic will require local governments to carefully consider the process for conducting the election through guidance provided under the *Guidance for Conducting By-election and Assent Voting During COVID 19*. Ministry staff have also indicated a willingness to support local governments as questions arise or if support is needed through a Ministerial Order.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

that Council appoint Joseph A. Fernandez as the Chief Election Officer and Rajinder (Ronnie) Gill as the Deputy Chief Election Officer for the local government elections to be held in October 2020.

Joseph A. Fernandez