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Chief Administrative Officer's Declaration pertaining to Recall Petition for Mayor Doug Booker

Background

On February 7, 2024, the chief administrative officer (CAO) determined that the Notice of Recall Petition for Mayor Doug Booker was compliant with the Municipal Government Act and that the sixty day recall petition signature period began on February 7, 2024 and would end on April 6, 2024.

Mayor Booker resigned from council on March 25, 2024, which was prior to the end of the recall petition signature period and prior to the recall petition being submitted to the Village of Donalda. As such, after the end of the recall petition signature period, the recall petition was turned over to the Village for destruction in accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the Local Authorities Election Act.

The Municipal Government Act requires the CAO to determine whether a recall petition is sufficient or insufficient and, at the first council meeting after making such determination, to make a declaration to council as to whether the recall petition is sufficient or insufficient.

The Municipal Government Act provides that if a recall petition is insufficient or if no recall petition is submitted to the CAO before the end of the recall petition signature period, the CAO must:

- publish the declaration of insufficiency on the municipality's website, and
- provide the declaration to the following:
 - o the Minister of Municipal Affairs;
 - o the representative recall petitioner;
 - o the councillor named in the notice of recall petition.

CAO's Declaration

Mayor Doug Booker resigned from council on March 25, 2024 and, consequently, the recall petition for Mayor Booker was not submitted before the end of the recall petition signature period. As Mayor Booker had resigned prior to submission of the recall petition, the petition was not reviewed for sufficiency. The Municipal Government Act provides that a recall petition is insufficient if it is not submitted before the end of the recall petition signature period; therefore, I declare the recall petition to be insufficient.

Kevin Bridges,
Interim CAO