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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## RE: By-Election Update (A By-Election was scheduled for April 27, 2020)

Due to the situation with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), Town Council petitioned the Minister of Municipal Affairs to postpone the By-Election to fill the current vacancy on Council. Below is an excerpt of an e-mail that I sent to the six candidates who put their name forward by the deadline this past Monday, March 16.

"I have been in consultation with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, who assures me that the department will be drafting a recommendation to the Minister to <u>postpone the By-Election</u>. He could not be more specific, as the final decision is in the hands of the Minister. He does assure me that it is unlikely that it would be held anywhere within the next 60 to 90 days, due to the fluid situation we are dealing with. They are also short of staff due to workload and self-isolation within their ranks. This impacts how fast they will get the information put together. I will keep you apprised of any developments, but you are being asked respectfully to refrain from campaigning until we have been given some clarity. This request is in the interest of public safety. Please contact me for any clarification. – George Rogers, CAO & Returning Officer"

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