Title:	**Municipal Election Recount Policy**
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1.   Policy Statement

The City of Oshawa recognizes that elections that are conducted freely, fairly and with integrity are fundamental to Canada's democratic society. The results of an election must instill confidence amongst candidates, electors and administrators that they accurately reflect the votes cast. Where questions exist to the accuracy of the results, a recount is one way in which all interested parties can be provided certainty that the results are an accurate reflection of the votes cast by Oshawa voters.

2.   Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria that will require the completion of an automatic recount in accordance with Section 56(1.1) of the Municipal Elections Act.

3.   Source

Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32

4.   Application

This policy only applies to an election conducted for the following:

- The Office of Mayor;
- The Office of Regional and City Councillor; and,
- The Office of City Councillor.

5.   Threshold

An automatic recount shall be conducted where the vote differential between the last available candidate(s) elected and the first candidate(s) not elected is equal to or less than one quarter of one percent (0. 25%) of the total number of votes cast for the office, rounded up to the closest whole number.

6.   Recount Procedures

The City Clerk shall prescribe in a procedure the process and timeframes to hold a recount required by this policy and shall ensure the procedures comply with all requirements set out in legislation.