

Subject: Request for Leave of Absence**APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT an unpaid leave of absence, inclusive of salary and benefits, be authorized for Councillor Jane Stroud, for the period March 19 to April 16, 2019.

Summary and Background:

Councillor Jane Stroud has been nominated as a candidate for the Alberta New Democratic Party and is running in the provincial election which has been set to be held on April 16, 2019.

Councillor Stroud has requested an unpaid leave of absence, effective March 19, 2019, which is the date that the election was called. The requested leave of absence is inclusive of salary and benefits and extends up to and including the date of the election, after which time Councillor Stroud will either resign her position if successfully elected or immediately return to her Council duties.

Rationale for Recommendation:

There is no legislative requirement for a Councillor running for provincial office to request or take any form of leave, or otherwise vacate their position on Council during the campaign period.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government