Town of Victoria: 2026 Administrator's Decisions

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26-Mar-26	041-2026	**Election**: The decision to rescind Directive 040-2026 is the result of a change to the previously established nomination date. I apologize for any inconvenience this adjustment may cause.	This directive formally rescinds in full the previously issued directive concerning the nomination date of April 13, 2026. A new directive will be issued to formalize the date.
26-Mar-26	042-2026	**Election:** In accordance with the Ministerial Order issued by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, available at: https://www.gov.nl.ca/gs/files/NLG20263020.pdf, a municipal special by-election has been scheduled for May 14, 2026. A public notice will be posted on the Town's website, social media platforms, two designated public locations, and in The Shoreline. In addition, the Municipal Special By-Election Notice Form will also be posted.	**Directive**: Pursuant to the authority granted by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and in accordance with the Ministerial Order establishing **May 14, 2026, as Special By-Election Day,** the following directive is hereby issued: 1. **Returning Officer Appointments** The following officials are hereby appointed for the administration of the 2026 municipal election: - Returning Officer: **Heather Elliott** - Alternate Returning Officer: **Jacob Kimball** These officials are authorized to perform all duties and responsibilities required under the Municipal Elections Act. 2. **Nomination Day** Nomination Day for the 2026 municipal election is hereby established as: A**pril 16, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Nominations shall be accepted at the following location: **Town Hall, 271 Main Highway, Victoria** 3. **Special By-Election Day** Election Day will take place on: **May 14, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Voting shall occur at the designated polling location: Community Center, 196 Main Highway, Victoria

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26-Mar-26	043-2026	**Election**: This directive confirms that the Town will not conduct a separate election for the office of Mayor. In accordance with Sections 27 and 28 of the **Towns and Local Service Districts Act**, the Mayor will instead be selected by Council from among the newly elected councillors. For context, during the 2025 General Municipal Election, only 59 of 269 communities (22%) held a separate mayoral election, and 27 of those contests (45.8%) were decided by acclamation. Following the municipal election and the swearing-in of the new Council, an internal vote will be held in accordance with Section 28. - Councillors will elect one councillor to serve as Mayor. - Councillors will then elect one councillor to serve as Deputy Mayor. Council retains the authority to review and revise this approach prior to the next General Municipal Election should it choose to do so.	**Directive**: In accordance with Section 27 of the Act, the Town **will not** conduct a separate special election for the position of Mayor. The full complement of Council will remain at seven members.
Town Clerk/Manager		Shelly Butt	26-Mar-26
Appointed Administrator			26-Mar-26