

SECTION	NAME OF POLICY
REGIONAL COUNCIL	FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

DEVELOPED BY: Regional Clerk's Office

APPROVED BY: Regional Council

APPROVAL DATE: January 17, 2013

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 17, 2013

POLICY STATEMENT

To establish a practice for filling of vacancies in the Office of Regional Councillor.

POLICY PURPOSE

To respond to a request from Regional Council for a consistently applied procedure for the filling of vacant seats on Regional Council.

PROCEDURE

In the event of a vacancy in the Office of Regional Councillor in any municipality in Niagara Region (except in Wainfleet and West Lincoln, where said vacancy would coincide with a vacancy in the Office of the Mayor in these municipalities):

1. Regional Council shall request the local municipality to advise the Region of their recommendation on whether a qualified elector should be appointed or if a by-election should be held; and
2. Regional Council would approve the recommendation of the local municipality provided it was in compliance with all provisions in the *Municipal Act* and the *Municipal Elections Act*.