SUBJECT: PETITION FOR A VOTE ON A BORROWING BYLAW
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT - SECTION 231

Situation

If a sufficient petition is received objecting to a borrowing bylaw, what are councils options?

Interpretation

The council must decide not to proceed with the proposed bylaw or decide to proceed with the proposed bylaw and submit the bylaw to a vote of the electors within 90 days of the chief administrative officer declaring the petition sufficient.

If a vote of the electors does not approve the proposed bylaw, then council must not give the bylaw any further readings and any previous readings are rescinded. The legislation does not indicate any limits for re-introducing the matter again. Council may reintroduce the borrowing at any time by starting the bylaw process again. All of the legislated requirements must again be met.

Note: This is an interpretation only. For specific legal advice, please consult your lawyer.