



DID YOU KNOW? Recall Petition

The Chief Administration Officer has received inquiries about whether an elector may remove their name from the petition(s).

WHAT NOW?

“I’ve signed the petition but have changed my mind – can I have my name removed?”

Removing or adding signatures will only be allowed during the 60-day signature collection period. Contact the representative recall petitioner to make any changes.

No changes to a recall petition can be made after the recall petition has been submitted to the Chief Administrative Officer and/or the 60-day signature collection period has ended.

The Municipal Government Act is silent on removing a name once it is on a petition.

The removal of a name *after* filing/submission is prohibited (Municipal Government Act, s. 240.7(2); Recall Act, s. 7(3)). This means once the petitions are submitted to the CAO, no name can be added or removed. The CAO cannot remove your name from the petition, even if you have requested it.

Elections Alberta has a Recall FAQs page that lists the following:

“I’ve signed the petition but have changed my mind – can I have my name removed?”

The authorized participant may remove any signature from the petition upon the request of the elector. However, the authorized participant is not compelled to do so. Elections Alberta has no direct control over the signatures on a petition during the canvassing period, and once the petition has been submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Alberta cannot remove a name from the petition.

As with Elections Alberta, the Town of Onoway's Chief Administrative Officer has no direct control over the signatures on the petitions during the canvassing period.



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