

and the more frequently electors are made to think upon this question the better for our cause.

Filing of Petitions

The difficulties which at one time arose in regard to laying petitions before the councils have been removed, and the law now provides that a Local Option by-law must be submitted if a sufficient petition is filed with the clerk of the municipality on or before the first day of November.

A municipal council may submit a Local Option by-law without being petitioned to do so. As the law now stands, councils are not likely to do this. The petitioning work ought to be undertaken in every case.

Before the Council

When the petitions are signed there ought to be another meeting or conference of temperance workers to carefully consider the situation and decide as to further action.

It is generally well to give weight and importance to the petition, by having a deputation of prominent electors wait upon the council in support of the request therein made.

The council must grant the prayer of the petition if twenty-five per cent. of the electors have signed it, and it is duly filed on or before November 1st. While a deputation, therefore, is not needed, it is helpful, as some question may arise, and it is always wise to run no chances.

Then, again, a deputation attracts public attention. We want publicity. The more prominently we can bring our movement before the people the better.

Introducing the By-law

The putting through the council of the necessary by-law, and attention to the details of the same, ought to be entrusted by the temperance members

to the most influential member of the council known to be favorable to the movement. The law relating to procedure is that which governs the voting on by-laws requiring the consent of electors of municipalities, and will be found in the Municipal Act, commencing at Section 338.

A proper form of by-law should be placed in the hands of the member who has charge of the matter, who ought to be in touch with the local Executive and advised and aided by that body.

Form of By-law

There is no statutory form of by-law, but the legal committee of the Alliance has carefully prepared a model by-law, copies of which will be sent without charge to any municipality.

This by-law is the one that has been almost uniformly used throughout the province. It has been through the courts and tested, and can, therefore, be depended upon as being properly worded and complete in every respect.

We would strongly urge and advise our workers to have this form of by-law used by their council.

Further Action

If the foregoing instructions are carefully followed, there will be no hitch or weakness in the preliminary part of the campaign, and the leaders in the work may obtain all the further information they require by writing therefor to the Alliance Secretary. They will find it advantageous to notify the Alliance office of any action they take, and any difficulties they encounter. Voting can only take place on the day fixed for holding Municipal Elections, that is generally the first Monday in January, but it is well to begin preparatory work as early as practicable in the preceding year.