

Returning officer to deliver a statement of the votes to the Clerk of Council :

V. The Returning officer (or, if the Municipality be divided into wards, the Returning officer for each ward) shall deliver a statement and certificate to the Clerk of the Council, within at least one week after the election, who shall, at the first meeting of the Council after the election, exhibit the votes polled for the several candidates, if there be more than one candidate for either of the said offices, and thereupon the Council shall proceed to determine and declare who are duly elected to the offices of Reeve and Deputy Reeve respectively ; and, in case there shall have been more than one candidate for the said offices respectively, the candidate duly qualified and having the greatest number of votes for either of the said offices, shall be declared duly elected. If there be only one qualified candidate for either office, he shall be declared elected : and, if there be no such candidate, the office shall be declared vacant and filled as hereinafter provided. 5

Candidate having the majority to be declared elected.

Reeves, &c., to be members of Council, and to have the same powers as heretofore.

VI. The Reeves and Deputy Reeves so elected shall be members of the Councils of the Municipalities in which they are respectively elected, and shall have the same powers and duties as Councillors elected to be Reeves and Deputy Reeves, respectively now have by law. 15

Case of vacancy.

VII. In the case of a vacancy occurring in the office of Reeve or Deputy Reeve, the Council of the Municipality shall, by a vote of the majority thereof, elect a Reeve or Deputy Reeve, as the circumstances may require, from among themselves, to fill the vacancy, until a successor shall be duly elected at the next annual election. 20

Contrary provisions.

VIII. All the provisions of chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada which conflict with or are contrary to the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed. 25