



**News Release  
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**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

## **Town Receives Recall Petitions**

**Onoway, AB** – Three notices of recall petitions against Mayor Len Kwasny, Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson and Councillor Robin Murray were delivered to the Town of Onoway on Thursday, April 11, 2024. The notices have been reviewed according to criteria outlined in the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and have been deemed compliant. A copy of the notice can be found on the Town of Onoway website at [Recall Petition for Town Council: Town of Onoway](#).

The representative recall petitioner now has 60 days to collect signatures and submit their petitions to the Town. **The 60-day signature collection period will run from Thursday, April 18, 2024 to Monday June 17, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. The recall petitions must be submitted before the expiry of the recall petition signature period (MGA, Subsection 240.3(a))**

The recall petition must be signed by elector's equivalent to 40 per cent of the Town's population. According to Municipal Affairs, this recall petition will be measured against a population total of 1,029, as per Ministerial Order [MSD: 021/23](#) specifying the determination of population for the purposes of Section 240.5(a). Each petition will require **412** signatures that must meet legislation to be considered sufficient. Only those eligible to vote for the elected official named in the notice of recall petition may sign the petition.

If the petitions are submitted, there is a 45-day period during which the sufficiency of the petitions will be assessed. The Chief Administrative Officer must declare, at the first available Council Meeting, whether the recall petitions are sufficient or insufficient.

If the petitions are declared sufficient:

- a. the individual named in the notice of recall petition is recalled,
- b. the individual is no longer a member of Council or of any Council committee, and
- c. the position to which the individual was elected is deemed vacant.

If the recall petition is declared insufficient, the Chief Administrative Officer must publish the declaration of insufficiency on the Town's website. Once a notice of petition has been filed, no further recall petitions in relation to the same Member of Council will be accepted.

For more information on the active petitions, please contact the representative recall petitioner Jonathon, Jeffrey Jack Longstaff at [longstaffjj@gmail.com](mailto:longstaffjj@gmail.com) or 780-221-7618.

For more information on the governing legislation, please contact Municipal Affairs at 780.427.2225 or by email at [ma.advisory@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ma.advisory@gov.ab.ca).

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