



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Sumbul Siddiqui  
Mayor (2020-21, 2022-23, 2026-27)

**To:** Cambridge City Council  
**From:** Sumbul Siddiqui, Mayor  
**Date:** May 14, 2026  
**Subject:** Communicating information regarding the search process for a permanent City Clerk

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To the Honorable, the City Council,

I write to provide an update on the search process for the next City Clerk.

Following the Council's [prior extension](#) of the interim appointment, a second recruitment effort was undertaken to identify candidates for consideration by the full City Council.

While the search yielded qualified applicants, several candidates withdrew from consideration throughout the process, resulting in fewer than the two candidates necessary to advance finalists to the full City Council for consideration.

As the Council considers next steps regarding the recruitment and appointment process, it is important that the City maintains continuity and stability in the operations of the Clerk's Office. Interim City Clerk Paula Crane has continued to provide steady leadership and institutional knowledge during this period of transition.

I therefore recommend that the City Council extend Ms. Crane's interim appointment for an additional period not to exceed six months.

Sincerely,

Sumbul Siddiqui  
Mayor of Cambridge (2020-21, 2022-23, 2026-27)