



## POST-ELECTIONS REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Accessibility Initiatives Undertaken for the 2018 Municipal Elections

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As per Section 12.1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, within ninety (90) days after voting day, the clerk shall prepare a report about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affected electors, candidates and elections staff with disabilities and shall make the report available to the public.

This post election report will be provided to Council as an Information Report, posted on the municipal website, [www.mattawa.ca](http://www.mattawa.ca), and provided to individuals as requested.

The Town of Mattawa's voting method was by way of Traditional Paper Ballots including Braille ballots for the visually impaired.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Considerations for 2022 Election</b>
Worked in conjunction with the Accessibility Coordinator and the municipality's Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy in preparation of the 2018 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan	Continue to improve on the 2018 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan document taking into consideration the Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act, 2005 and/or any other applicable legislation
Assessed Voting Equipment and Tools as well as conducting site visits of advance voting and voting day locations	Both advance voting stations were held at the municipal office and voting station on voting day was held in one central voting place accessible to all electors. Electors seemed pleased with the one voting location.
Assessed the risk of past election administration practices, identifying the likelihood of the practice creating a risk to accessibility of electors, candidates and election staff. Also identified the impact of the risk and developed measures to mitigate or minimize the risk	No changes recommended or identified
Ensured that voting locations had designated parking for persons with disabilities which included dedicated election assistant at main entrance to assist electors to and from their vehicles if required	No changes recommended or identified

Prepared Site Plan for Voting Station	Voting Station in municipal building being the Mike Rodden Arena and Community Centre. Elevator on site with dedicated election assistant. Most electors entered and exited the voting location via the staircase which at busy times was congested. Layout will be modified to provide additional room and waiting area for all electors upon entering and exiting the voting station.
As part of the Voting Station layout consideration was taken to provide enough space for all electors. i.e. wheelchair accessible	No changes recommended or identified
Provided each voting booth with magnifying sheets, seating and additional space for voting assistants	No changes recommended or identified
Provided appropriate signage at voting stations	Ensure bilingual signage for all voting booths
Posted all information to municipal website	No changes recommended or identified
Provided candidates with information relating to accessible customer service and election accessibility plan	No changes recommended or identified
Provided training to elections staff following the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation training modules	No changes recommended or identified
Election staff dedicated to all voting station entrances to assist all electors	No changes recommended or identified
Election staff made aware and trained on how to approach an elector in need of assistance	No changes recommended or identified

Municipal Staff responsible in administering the 2018 Municipal Election feel confident that the Town of Mattawa met the Accessibility Standards required for Accessible Customer Service and the Integrated Accessibility Standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. Some of the processes need to be streamlined but overall we provided a means for all electors to exercise their vote equally.