



Subject: 2022 Election Accessibility Plan

Report Number: CS 22-16

Department: Corporate Services Department

Submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, June 27, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the Town of Tillsonburg Election Accessibility plan be received by Council for information.

BACKGROUND

The Clerk is responsible for conducting the municipal election and establishing policies and procedures to ensure all electors within the municipality can fully participate.

The *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as amended states the following:

12.1 (1) A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election shall have regard to the needs of electors and candidates with disabilities.

12.1(2) The clerk shall prepare a plan regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities and shall make the plan available to the public before voting day in a regular election. 2016,c. 15, s.11

12.1(3) Within 90 days after voting day in a regular election, the clerk shall prepare a report about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities and shall make the report available to the public. 2016, c.15, s.11

DISCUSSION

The Election Accessibility Plan is intended to highlight the measures municipal staff will implement to ensure all electors and candidates have equal opportunity to participate in the 2022 Municipal Election.

The Election Accessibility Plan was discussed at a recent Accessibility Advisory meeting.

Following the 2022 municipal election, the post-election report will be posted on the Town of Tillsonburg website and distributed as requested as required in Section 12.1(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 as amended.

CONSULTATION

Accessibility Advisory Committee

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

CORPORATE GOALS

How does this report support the corporate goals identified in the Community Strategic Plan?

- ☐ Lifestyle and amenities
- ☒ Customer service, communication and engagement
- ☐ Business attraction, retention and expansion
- ☐ Community growth
- ☒ Connectivity and transportation
- ☐ Not Applicable

Does this report relate to a specific strategic direction or project identified in the Community Strategic Plan? Please indicate section number and/or any priority projects identified in the plan.

Goal- The Town of Tillsonburg will strive for excellence and accountability in government, providing effective and efficient services, information, and opportunities to shape municipal initiatives.

Strategic Direction- Engage community groups, including advisory committees and service organizations, in shaping municipal initiatives.

Priority Project - Not applicable

Goal - Tillsonburg residents and businesses will be connected to each other, regional networks, and the world through effective traditional and digital infrastructure.

Strategic Direction - Continue to support and advocate for reliable, affordable and universal access to broadband services.

Priority Project - Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Election Accessibility Plan