



Subject: 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan – Town of Tillsonburg

Report Number: CAO 26-012

Department: Office of the CAO

Submitted by: Laura Pickersgill, Acting Deputy Clerk

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, April 27, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

THAT report CAO 26-012 titled “2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan – Town of Tillsonburg” be received as information.

BACKGROUND

The Town of Tillsonburg is committed to ensuring that all eligible electors have full, equal, and independent access to voting opportunities during the 2026 Municipal Election. This 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan was developed to identify, remove, and prevent barriers that could affect electors or candidates with disabilities.

This plan reflects:

- Requirements under Section 12.1(1)-(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*
- Best practices and updated standards drawn from municipal comparators

The Town will continue to take proactive steps to ensure accessible, barrier-free municipal elections aligned with *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA), 2005*.

DISCUSSION

The Election Accessibility Plan is intended to highlight the measures staff will implement to ensure all electors and candidates have equal opportunity to participate in the 2026 Municipal Election.

CONSULTATION

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

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 – Increase opportunities and promotion for public engagement in municipal initiatives.

Priority Project – N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan – Town of Tillsonburg