

December 12, 2022

REPORT TO: Mayor Dumas and Members of Council

SUBJECT: **Post-Election Accessibility Report – 2022 Election**

Background: Section 12.1 (2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, states that within 90 days after voting day in a regular election, the Clerk shall submit a report to council about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities.

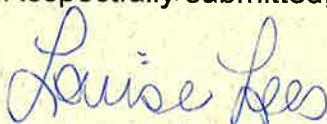
Discussion: Administration took the following steps to ensure the election was accessible to all candidates and for those electors who were qualified to vote:

- a) For the 2022 Election, the Town chose to conduct the election using an alternative voting method, specifically, Internet Voting, with a Help Centre at the Town Office open during regular office hours from October 14 to October 21. On Monday, October 24th, the Town Office was open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. The Town Office is a fully accessible building.
- b) The Deputy Clerk and Corporate Services Manager attended Wilson Memorial General Hospital to assist hospital residents in the voting process. The Deputy Clerk was in constant contact with staff from Peninsula Manor to ensure assistance wasn't needed for any elector that may have needed extra help in using the new electronic method.
- c) To accommodate bilingual candidates and electors, the online voting platform was available in both French and English.

This report will be posted on the Town's website and on our Social Media sites in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and will be distributed to disability groups and other stakeholders upon request.

Recommendation: Your Administration is presenting this report for information purposes only.

Respectfully submitted,



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Deputy Clerk

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