



Report to Council

Department: Office of the CAO
Division: Legal and Legislative Services
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Subject: 2022 Municipal Accessibility Plan
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Recommendation(s)

That Legal and Legislative Services-2022-22 entitled 2022 Municipal Accessibility Plan prepared by Robert Auger, Town Solicitor/Clerk dated May 16, 2022 be received.

Purpose

To advise Council on plans to ensure that persons with disabilities have the opportunity to participate fully in the 2022 Municipal Election process.

Background and Discussion

Pursuant to Section 12.1(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (S.O. 1996, Chapter 32, Schedule), "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."

The attached 2022 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan is intended to identify measures that the Town of Essex will implement to ensure that persons with disabilities have the opportunity

to participate fully in the election process during Advance Voting and on Election Day, October 24, 2022.

Among other things, the plan addresses how the Clerk's Department will train election staff on providing accessible customer service to candidates and electors. It also outlines accessible communication methods and provides details on how to offer feedback that will assist the Clerk's Department in delivering an accessible election.

A copy of this plan will be included in each candidate's nomination package and will be available at Town Hall in print and on the Town's Municipal Election webpage. A copy of this Plan has also been sent to the Town of Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee for review and ongoing feedback and comments as the election period progresses.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts to establishing a municipal election accessibility plan.

Consultations

Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk

Town of Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee

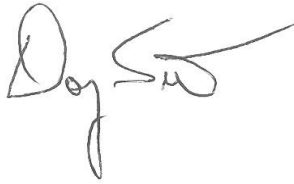
Link to Strategic Priorities

- Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure which meets current and future needs of the municipality and its citizens.
- Create a safe, friendly and inclusive community which encourages healthy, active living for people of all ages and abilities.
- Provide a fiscal stewardship and value for tax dollars to ensure long-term financial health to the municipality.
- Manage responsible and viable growth while preserving and enhancing the unique rural and small town character of the community.
- Improve the experiences of individuals, as both citizens and customers, in their interactions with the Town of Essex.
- Improve the Town's capacity to meet the ongoing and future service needs of its citizens while ensuring the corporation is resilient in the face of unanticipated changes or disruptions.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer - May 9, 2022 - 11:02 AM