



Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: April 27, 2022
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SUBJECT: Municipal Accessible Election Plans

Background:

A local municipal Clerk is responsible for conducting municipal elections and establishing policies and procedures to ensure that all electors have the opportunity to fully participate in Municipal Elections.

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

Analysis:

Attachments:

1. Middlesex Centre Municipal Election Accessibility Plan 2022
2. Southwest Middlesex Election Municipal Accessibility Plan 2022
3. Thames Centre Municipal Election Accessibility Plan 2022

The Municipal Accessibility Election Plans detail the following:

- Voting Methods
- Objectives
- Municipal Elections Act
- Development of the Plan
- Definitions
- Accessibility Policy
- Voting Method Details
- Voting Locations
- Voting Assistance
- Communication
- Candidates
- Election Feedback
- Reporting

The Municipality of Middlesex Centre, Municipality of Southwest Middlesex and Municipality of Thames Centre is seeking the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee feedback on their Municipal Accessible Election Plans for the 2022 election. The plans have been reviewed and commented on by the Accessibility Coordinator, the following recommendations were made;

1. Fix the heading in the Table of Contents and update font/style where necessary
2. Remove blank spacing in document
3. Updated grammar
4. Updated hyperlinks to identify page redirection
5. Screened the plans to ensure they are accessible using the Word Accessibility Checker

Looking for input from the MAAC to determine if there is any gap in the information, accessibility related feedback or recommended changes for the plans attached.

Recommendation:

THAT the Middlesex Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend the following feedback regarding the Accessible Election Plans for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre, the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, and the Municipality of Thames Centre: