

## Post-Election Accessibility Report



Dec 4, 2018

The Corporation of the Township of Pickle Lake held a municipal election on October 22, 2018. The election took place at 14 Koval St. the Community Hall.

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.

The Clerk's post-election report is to be posted on the Town's website in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and will be distributed to disability groups and other stake holders upon request.

Discussion: As members are aware the Town only held elections for the four Councillor seats as the Mayoral seat was filled by acclamation.

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 2018 Election, the Town chose to conduct the election using the traditional method of voting via paper ballot. Advance Polls were held on October 10, 2018 at the Community Hall. The advanced polls were held at the Community Hall which is a fully accessible building. On Election day the polls were held in the same location.
- b) All Election workers that were involved in the Election we all trained in Accessible Customer Service, as per the Municipal Accessibility Policy.
- c) For individuals with limited vision magnifying sheets were made available and Ballots were printed for best visible resolution, Black Ballots with white writing for optimal contrast and in bold lettering.
- d) 4 polling booths were available to vote at to ensure wait times were minimal for peoples with disabilities and chairs were available for resting.

Recommendation: The Clerk has no recommendation for any further enhancements to this election. The election ran smoothly and hired staff was efficient and respectful towards voters. This report is for information purposes only.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Hussey, Clerk Treasurer