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Town of Aurora
Memorandum
Corporate Services

Re: Draft 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan

To: Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Anne Kantharajah, Town Clerk

Date: April 8, 2026

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Draft 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the draft 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Background

Subsection 12.1 (2) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* requires that the Clerk 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.

Analysis

The draft 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan was developed in consultation with the Accessibility Advisor and the feedback received from the 2022 Municipal Election.

The plan addresses the specific accessibility requirements in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001* (ODA) and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA), as amended.

The objectives of this Plan is to ensure:

- That all voting locations are accessible;

- That persons with disabilities can independently cast their vote and verify their selection;
- That persons with disabilities have full and equal access to all information on where and when to vote and on eligible candidates;
- That persons with disabilities can fully participate in the Municipal Election as an elector, candidate or election official; and,
- That efforts are made to ensure that electors with disabilities are aware of the accessibility measures available via channels such as the newspaper, media launches, the Town's website and social media.

This Plan is an active document which will be improved and updated as best practices are identified and new opportunities for improvement arise.

Staff are requesting comments from the Committee on the Plan. Once finalized, the Plan will be provided to candidates, third parties advertisers and the public.

Attachments

1. Draft 2026 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan
2. 2026 Election Inspection Sheeet