

# **Municipality of East Ferris**

## **Information Report to Council**

Report No.: CLERK-2022-04

Date: June 14th, 2022

Originator: Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk

Subject: 2022 Municipal Elections - Accessibility Plan

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Report No. CLERK 2022-04: 2022 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan be received for information.

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### **BACKGROUND**

Under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA), in addition to mandatory reporting after the election regarding the accessibility features of the election, staff is required to create an accessibility plan prior to the election.

The following is an excerpt from the MEA:

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.

There still remains a requirement that, 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.

The Act also empowers the clerk to make changes to some or all ballots, as she considers necessary or desirable, to allow electors with visual impairments to vote. Additionally, the Act states that the clerk shall ensure that each voting location is accessible to electors with disabilities.

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### **ANALYSIS/OPTIONS**

Staff is providing Council with 2022 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan as information only as it is incorporated within the Clerk's Procedures under Report No. CLERK 2022-01, which has been approved by Council at its regular Council meeting held February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with this report.

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## RECOMMENDATION – Only one recommendation at this time

That Report No. CLERK 2022-04: 2022 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan be received for information.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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Monica L. Hawkins,  
Clerk

I concur with this report and recommendation,



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