



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

FROM: Ryan McVeigh, Election Coordinator

MEETING DATE: November 6, 2013

SUBJECT: Report AAC13-018
Accessibility at the 2014 Municipal Election

PURPOSE

A report to provide an update on accessibility matters for the 2014 Municipal Election and to obtain feedback from the committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the recommendations outlined in Report AAC13-018 dated November 6, 2013, of the Election Coordinator as follows:

- a) That the report be received for information, and
- b) That the committee provide feedback on accessible election matters.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or financial implications in receiving this report. The implementation of accessibility provisions for the 2014 election may have budget implications.

BACKGROUND

The **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms** guarantees citizens the right to vote and run for office and provides a guarantee of equality rights to persons with disabilities. **The Ontario Human Rights Code** provides that individuals have the right to equal treatment with respect to services and facilities.

In addition, the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005** is legislation that was developed to identify, remove and prevent barriers for people with disabilities in key areas of daily living. Under the AODA, private and public sector organizations across Ontario are required to comply with Regulations established by the Province. These regulations include the Customer Service Standard, the Integrated Standard (General Requirements, Design of Public Spaces, Information and Communication, Employment, and Transportation) and the future Built Environment Standard.

As the Clerks Office, in coordination with the Accessibility Coordinators, consider accessibility matters for the 2014 election we seek feedback from the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Considerations for the 2014 Municipal Election include: Voting Locations, Candidates, Website, Public Consultation and Feedback.

SUMMARY

Staff seek input from committee members on accessibility matters for the 2014 Municipal Election not only at the meeting of November 6, 2013, but are free to approach staff at other times as well.

The City of Peterborough is committed to ensuring the 2014 Municipal Election is accessible, so that everyone has an equal opportunity to vote.

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