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Report

From: Sue Bates
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Re: Post-Election Accessibility Report

Background

As part of the 2018 Municipal Elections, legislation requires that the Clerk shall, within 90 days after voting day in a regular election 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.

Information

Facilities: Voting locations were the Atikokan Municipal Office for the advanced votes and Pioneer Centre and Royal Canadian Legion for Election Day. A polling location was also set up at the Atikokan General Hospital for three hours on Election Day. Little Falls Recreation Center and the Atikokan Municipal Office were reserved as back-up facilities.

Consideration was given to locations that were frequently visited by the citizens of our community keeping in mind our large senior population and the desire for a downtown location. The best locations were the Pioneer Centre and the Royal Canadian Legion. These two facilities were also used for the recent Provincial elections. We also had the HandiVan available free of charge during the advance voting and voting day.

All voting locations had ample parking and handicap identified parking. There were no barriers to the election facilities that had to be removed to gain access.

Election Worker Training: During the election worker training, we discussed potential special circumstances that may arise. Each election worker received a copy of the Town of Atikokan's 2018 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan, the Town of Atikokan's Accessible Customer Service Policy and Tips for Serving Customers with Disabilities sheet. We discussed ensuring ample space around the polls so wheelchairs could be easily maneuvered. Anyone who required assistance to cast their vote was able to bring a person of their choice with them to the voting screen.

Voting: Municipal Election ballots were printed in a large font. Each voting place also had a magnifier sheet available.

Other: The Town of Atikokan's 2018 Municipal Election Accessibility Plan is posted on our website.

Conclusion

This report will be posted on our website and available at the Municipal Office during regular working hours.