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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND

2022 Post-Elections Accessibility Report

1. Introduction

The City of Clarence-Rockland was committed to making the 2022 Municipal Elections accessible by working to accommodate the needs of electors by removing barriers to vote for persons with disabilities. The focus of the Post-Elections Accessibility Report is to evaluate the accessibility of the electoral services offered to all electors and candidates in the 2022 Municipal Elections. This report outlines the various initiatives undertaken during the course of the 2022 Municipal Elections regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities.

2. Post-elections reporting

In accordance with section 12.1 (3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, 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 and shall make the report available to the public.

Leading up to the election, an Election Accessibility Plan (the “Plan”) was developed. The Plan was designed to respect the dignity and independence of electors and candidates, and ensure that practices and procedures are consistent with the principles of independence, dignity, integration and equality of opportunity.

3. Voting Method

The City of Clarence-Rockland worked with Intelivote Systems Inc. to provide internet and telephone voting services to eligible voters. The services provided voters the convenience of voting from anywhere in the comfort of their own home via telephone, Internet or in person at a Voter Help Centre during the October 19-24, 2022 voting period.

Additionally, persons who had assistive devices set up in their homes were able to use them to assist with casting their ballot privately and independently.

For those persons who required assistance in the voting process, trained Election Officials were present at Voter Help Centres offered across City of Clarence-Rockland, throughout the voting period.

3.1 Voter Help Centre

The Voter Help Centres were inspected by a member of the City of Clarence-Rockland Accessibility Advisory Committee and were found to be barrier-free. Additionally, all locations were staffed with individuals adequately trained to provide accessible customer service.

Upon attending any Voter Help Centres, voters were greeted and offered assistance according to their specific needs at every stage of their voting experience, including providing amendments to their information on the Voters' List and casting their electronic ballot.

Bilingual Election Officials were staffed in each voting location and numerous chairs were available for voters with disabilities to sit while they were waiting.

Personal assistive devices were permitted in all voting locations, including wheelchairs and walkers. Support persons and service animals were welcomed. Touch screens were available for all voters to allow them to cast their vote.

Voting areas, at all voting locations were designed to be accessible to all voters, including those with assistive devices in order to allow the voter to vote independently and secretively.

Designated accessible parking spaces were clearly marked and available close to the entrance of all voting locations.

3.2 Special Voting Provisions

Election staff visited several long-term care facilities and retirement homes, to provide on-site voting kiosks for residents.

4. Conclusion

In conclusion, the verbal comments received from voters throughout the voting period were very positive. Many voters expressed their appreciativeness of the assistance provided by staff at the Voter Help Centres and by telephone.