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THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMMER ADDITIONAL

2026 Post-Elections Accessibility Report

Introduction

The Township of Plummer Additional was committed to making the 2026 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 2026 Municipal Elections. This report outlines the various initiatives undertaken during the course of the 2026 Municipal Elections regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities.

Post-elections reporting

In accordance with section 12.1 (3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the Clerk's Office shall provide a report, within 90 days after voting day in a regular election, about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with accessibility needs. The report will be available to the public and posted on the Municipal website in an accessible format once it has been approved by Council.

Leading up to the election, an Election Accessibility Plan was developed. The 2026 Plan guides the provision of election related services to persons with disabilities. The Plan was designed to respect the dignity and independence of electors and candidates and ensures that practices and procedures are consistent with the principles of independence, dignity, integration and equality of opportunity. The following are the various initiatives undertaken by the Clerk's Department during the course of the 2026 elections:

Voting methods

The Township of Plummer Additional provided the following voting methods for the 2026 municipal election:

1. In-person voting at Bruce Station Hall

Before the opening of the voting location, Election Officials performed final accessibility checks to ensure that the location was set up in an accessible manner. They ensured that the entrance was free of obstacles and provided ample lighting. The layout of the space provided ample room for assistive devices and maintained privacy. It was discovered on the morning of the election that the automatic door to the hall was not functioning correctly to enter the building but worked as it should for exiting the building. This is a priority for repair and staff assisted with the door as needed.

Staff ensured that the flow of people was controlled to ensure safe passage for all in entering and exiting the building.

During the entire voting period, personal assistive devices were permitted in all voting locations, such as wheelchairs and walkers. Support persons were welcomed, as would

service animals though none attended, and assistance was offered to voters at every stage of the voting process, including being greeted at the door, making any necessary amendments to their information on the Voters' List, and casting their paper ballot. Election Officials treated all voters with dignity and respect, being sensitive to the individual needs of voters and recognizing that some required unique attention. A Bilingual Election Official was present, and chairs were available for voters to sit as required.

Ballots were designed in black and white for maximum contrast and an approved accessible font in a large size was chosen for the candidates' names. Magnifiers were provided at each voting booth, along with larger diameter pencils for easier handling.

The Bruce Station Hall underwent recent renovations to provide accessibility and features a slip-resistant ramp, level flooring, accessible washroom near the entrance, and sufficient space for use of a wheelchair or scooter.

The designated parking spaces were clearly marked with the international Symbol of Accessibility and were on firm and level ground and close to the entrance of the voting location.

2. Mail-in voting

The alternative voting method was vote-by-mail. This method was chosen to reach the widest range of eligible voters who may be hindered by voting in person due to distance or disability. Mail in ballot kits provided clear instructions, a self-addressed, postage paid return envelope and a paper ballot designed with accessibility in mind.

Support for vote-by-mail procedures was provided by staff in the weeks leading up to the election and was tailored to individual needs.

It was the goal of The Township of Plummer Additional's Clerk's Department to ensure that electors within the municipality who required accessibility services were provided with the best opportunity to vote as independently as possible in the 2026 Municipal Elections. Clerk's Services staff also strived to make the nomination process as accessible as possible for candidates by providing the option to file in person or online.

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