

## REPORT

**REPORT TO:** Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

**REPORT FROM:** Renée Brown, Deputy Clerk – Legislation & Elections

**DATE:** October 29, 2018

**REPORT NO.:** ADMIN-2018-0034

**RE:** Identification, Removal and Prevention of Barriers affecting electors and candidates with disabilities – 2018 Municipal Election

### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2018-0034 dated October 29, 2018 regarding Identification, Removal and Prevention of Barriers affecting electors and candidates with disabilities – 2018 Municipal Election be received for information.

### BACKGROUND:

Under the Municipal Election Act section 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 before voting day in a regular election. This report was prepared and made available on the Town of Halton Hills website at the end of July 2018 it is entitled '2018 Municipal Election – Town of Halton Hills Accessibility Plan'.

The Municipal Election Act also requires the clerk within 90 days after voting day in a regular election to prepare a report to Council regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities. Attached as Appendix A to this Report is the '2018 Municipal Election – Town of Halton Hills Accessibility Plan' indicating the actions taken to implement the plan and the status of each goal.

### COMMENTS:

Throughout the election planning process the election team kept accessibility at the forefront and in the preparation of the 2018 Municipal Election Town of Halton Hills Accessibility Plan.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The Town of Halton Hills' Strategic Plan notes the following Goal;

Foster a Healthy Community

To maintain and enhance a healthy community that provides a clean environment and a range of economic and social opportunities to ensure a superior quality of life in our community;

through the Strategic Objective;

(A.4) To provide accessibility throughout the community.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There are no financial implications directly related to this report.

**CONSULTATION:**

The Clerk and Director of Legislative Services and the Accessibility Coordinator were consulted in the preparation of this report.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

This report is provided as information only and therefore did not require public engagement.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life.

The recommendation outlined in this report advances the Strategy's implementation.

This report supports the social pillar of Sustainability and in summary the alignment of this report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is excellent.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A copy of this report will be posted on the Town's Election Webpage.

**CONCLUSION:**

In accordance with the Municipal Election Act section 12.1(2) the Clerk prepared a plan regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities and made the plan available. Also in accordance with the Municipal Act within 90 days after voting day in a regular election the Clerk has prepared this report to show how that plan was implemented.

Reviewed and Approved by,

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**Suzanne Jones, Clerk & Director of Legislative Services**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brent Marshall".

**Brent Marshall, CAO**