



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 20, 2022

NUMBER: R2022- 228

Moved by *Yemm*

Seconded by *Butler*

THAT the Council of the Township of Nipissing receives the Election Accessibility Report for the 2022 Municipal Election.

For Against

PIPER
BUTLER
FOOTE
KIRKEY
YEMM

Carried ✓

Mayor: Tom Piper

Election Accessibility Report to Council

December 6, 2022

**Municipal Elections Act, 1996
amendments**

As of January 1, 2010, there have been several legislative amendments to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. One key change includes the needs of candidates and electors with disabilities. New provisions have been added to require that all voting places are accessible to electors with disabilities and the Clerk is to prepare a report within 90 days of voting day on the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities.



Items considered for locations

- are there adequate accessible free parking spaces for electors
- is the lighting adequate
- is the route from parking to entrance accessible
- signage
- accessible washrooms
- safe locations

Township Office

- wheelchair ramp
- handicap parking spaces with signs
- advance vote station
- election results centre

Voting Stations

The voting stations chosen for the election were all familiar locations.

Advance poll	Township Office
Advance poll & Voting Station 1	Commanda Community Centre
Voting Station 2 & 3	South Shore Education Centre
Voting Station 4	Township of Nipissing Community Centre





South Shore Education Centre

- level brick access
- adequate lighting
- central well known location
- large free parking area
- voting stations 2 and 3



South Shore Education Centre

- accessible washrooms
- large well lit voting room in gymnasium

Commanda Community Centre

- advance poll
- voting station 1
- fully accessible
- adequate parking
- large well lit voting area
- accessibility ramp repaired

Notice published on Township Web Page

The Township of Nipissing welcomes ALL individuals to the vote on Election Day. To help electors that need assistance in casting their vote, The Township of Nipissing has provided staff (permanent, contract, or volunteer) training on providing accessible customer service. The Township also welcomes the Use of Service Animals and has accessible parking available for



electors. Voting locations and accessible parking will also be easily identified by signage at the polling locations located at the Township Office and The South Shore Education Centre. The Township asks voters to call us if any additional assistance or support is required.



In previous elections, election information was only advertised in the local newspaper. 2022 election information and forms were added to the Township Web page and notice .



Township of Nipissing Community Centre

- voting station 4
- fully accessible
- adequate parking
- large well lit voting area
- automatic door opener and new door with safety window installed



Township Office Upgrades

- power assist wheelchair accessible door installed
- ramp upgrades – turn around space increased



- new accessible washroom
- election results on power point

Large Visible Signs

- Signs posted at voting stations 2, 3 and advanced.

Assuming traditional vote is continued:

Future Considerations:

- large print signs at all locations
- notice of voting locations in final summer newsletter and fall newsletter
- use of volunteers at voting stations to assist electors

Your Comments: