

**The Corporation of the Township of Gillies
Administrative Report**

Date: January 21st, 2019

To: Reeve and Council

Subject: Post-Election Accessibility Report

Submitted by: Jenna Hakala, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies approves the following document and directs Administration to post it on the website as per requirements under section 12.1 (2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

BACKGROUND

Section 12.1 (2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, states that within 90 days after voting day in a regular election, the Clerk shall submit a report to Council about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities.

The Clerk's post-election report is to be posted on the Town's website in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and will be distributed to disabilities groups and other stakeholders upon request.

DISCUSSION

As the Council is aware, the Township only held elections for the four Councillor seats as the Reeve position was acclaimed.

Administration took the following steps to ensure the election was accessible to all candidates and for those electors who were qualified to vote:

- a) For the 2018 Election, the Township chose to conduct the election using the traditional method of voting. Advance polls were held on Saturday October 20th, 2018 from 11 am until 5 pm at the Gillies Community Centre. The Gillies Community Centre is a full accessible building. On Election Day, the polling station was located in the Township Office which is also an accessible building.
- b) All election workers that were involved in the Election were trained in Accessible Customer Service.

- c) For individuals with limited vision, magnifying sheets were made available. Ballots were printed in Arial size 14 font.