



# 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

July 2021

# Agenda

1. Municipal Election Overview
2. Alternative Voting Methods
3. Poll Location Criteria
4. Additional Considerations for 2022



# Municipal Election

The City Clerk is responsible for running the election, including developing policies and procedures that are necessary to conduct an election in a manner that reflects the principles of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) and its Regulations.

- (a) the secrecy and confidentiality of the voting process is paramount;
- (b) the election shall be fair and non-biased;
- (c) the election shall be accessible to the voters;
- (d) the integrity of the voting process shall be maintained throughout the election;
- (e) there is to be certainty that the results of the election reflect the votes cast;
- (f) voters and candidates shall be treated fairly and consistently; and
- (g) the proper majority vote governs by ensuring that valid votes are counted and invalid votes are rejected so far as reasonably possible

# Municipal Election

Every 4 years, on the fourth Monday of October  
Next Election: Monday October 24, 2022

Elected in Hamilton:

- 1 Mayor
- 15 Councillors
- 11 English Public School Board Trustees
- 9 English Catholic School Board Trustees
- 1 French Public School Board Trustee
- 1 French Catholic School Board Trustee

# Who Can Vote?

## Eligibility:

- Canadian citizen
- Aged 18 or older
- You qualify to vote in the municipality:
  - You are a resident elector if you live in the municipality.
  - As a non-resident elector if you own or rent property in a municipality, but it's not the one where you live.

# Considerations and Objectives for 2022

Enhancing Accessibility

Increasing Opportunity

Addressing Public Health Concerns

Strengthening Communication

# Alternative Voting Methods

# Current Voting Methods In Hamilton

- Paper Ballot with Vote Tabulator
- Advanced Poll
- Proxy Voting
- Curbside Voting
- Accessible Voting Equipment



# Alternative Voting Methods - 2022

## **Special Vote by Mail**

Voters request a vote by mail ballot during a specific period of time before the election

Must meet eligibility criteria

Voters will receive a package, including:

- a special ballot
- two envelopes (they keep your vote secret)
- declaration form
- instructions on how to mark and mail in your special ballot

Voters must ensure that their ballot is received by election day (through mail or drop off box)

Votes are tabulated on election day

# Alternative Voting Methods - 2026

## Electronic Voting/Internet Voting

Voters receive a pin with their voter card in the mail

Navigate to a secure website to begin process

Required to authenticate their identity in the system

Choose their preferred candidate online

Submit their vote choices, which is stored in a secure data center until counted on election day

## Telephone Voting

Voters receive a pin with their voter card in the mail

They call a secure phone line to begin the voting process

Required to authenticate their identity in the system

Choose their preferred candidate through touch-tone prompts

Vote choices are stored in a secure data center until counted on election day

# Discussion: Alternative Voting Methods

What are your initial thoughts about Alternative Voting Methods?

What are your thoughts about Vote by Mail?

Do you have any concerns about this option?

# Poll Location Criteria

# Criteria for Locations

Criteria	Examples of Considerations
Location and Building Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Access to transportation</li><li>- Convenient, familiar location</li><li>- Typically public/institutional</li></ul>
Exterior of Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Parking</li><li>- Signage</li><li>- Access</li></ul>
Interior of Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Entrance</li><li>- Location of room in building</li><li>- Room size and capacity</li><li>- Environment</li><li>- Accessibility</li></ul>

Are there any other considerations that we should be looking at poll locations?

# Other 2022 Elections Considerations



**What should we be considering  
as we plan the 2022 Election?**



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THANK YOU

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