

### 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Poll Locations & Planning for Accessibility

#### **Our Last Conversation:**

- Share information about potential 2022 Alternative Voting Methods (Vote by Mail)
- Group feedback and advice for 2022
- Discussion on planning for accessibility using lived-experience and updated criteria
- Enhance customer service training and resources to assist election workers providing accommodations



### Our Conversation Today:

- Review draft Poll Location selection criteria / Provide Feedback
- Discuss enhanced communications
- Share Engage Hamilton opportunity



# Previous Criteria and Approach (2018):

- AODA compliant facilities; prioritize Municipal or School locations
- Aligned with Elections Canada, Elections Ontario
- Endeavour to use familiar locations, as much as possible
- HSR access wherever possible
- DARTS access and Front-of-the-Line service
- Curbside Voting
- Training resources for Election Workers on available processes for accommodations



# Updated Poll Location Criteria and Approach (2022):

- Meet 2018 Standards with enhancements
- Enhanced wayfinding where needed (e.g. signage, customer service staff)
- Enhanced description of Poll Location in Assessment Criteria
- Consultative Election planning / Community Outreach
- Enhanced Communication and Sharing of Poll information in advance
- Plan for Public Health guidance





- Visit any Municipal Service Centre or any branch of the Hamilton Public Library to receive and return a printed survey
- Complete a fillable PDF version and return by email to elections@hamilton.ca
- Answer the survey to help establish a Voter Experience benchmark
- Suggest a Poll Location for consideration



#### **Election Communication & Outreach:**

Communication and notices of key dates in the Municipal Election are commonly shared through:

- Local Newspapers
- Social Media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)
- Local news networks (Media Releases)

What else could we do to enhance communication?

Where else could communications be shared to ensure information barriers are removed?





## THANK YOU