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Re: Motion: Councillor Hamilton re: Request to the Region of Waterloo to Consider Free Public Transportation on Election Days

At the Special Council Meeting of May 18, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS there has been an overall and consistent decline in voter turnout for municipal, provincial, and federal elections in Canada and in Waterloo Region, despite the act of voting being essential to the proper functioning of the democratic process;

WHEREAS many residents struggle to access transportation to polling stations on election days, due to a lack of transportation available, physical mobility or accessibility issues, and/or socioeconomic status;

WHEREAS any initiative to boost attention and incentives to vote on election days warrants attention and exploration in order to assist the democratic process and increase voter turnout;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence be sent to the Region of Waterloo on behalf of Cambridge Council to request free public transportation on election day for the Municipal and School Board Election, as well as for the Provincial, and Federal Election days, so as to generate more attention about elections and polling station locations, and to encourage and make it possible for more residents to vote, that would otherwise be unable to access their polling stations.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Hon. Premier Ford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
City of Cambridge Council