

**TELEPHONE/INTERNET VOTING
ELECTION POLICIES and PROCEDURES
for the 2018 ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Approved by the
Clerk / Returning Officer of
The Corporation of the Township of North Dundas
this 12th day of December, 2017

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1. AUTHORITY

On April 11, 2017, the Council of The Corporation of the Township of North Dundas (the "Township") adopted By-law 2017-15 authorizing the use of an alternative voting method that being the telephone/Internet voting method.

On December 12, 2017, the Township has also adopted By-law 2017-54, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with a service provider for telephone/Internet voting service for the 2018 Municipal and School Board North Dundas Elections. ("Municipal Elections").

Subsection 42(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched, as amended (the "Act"), states that the Clerk shall, in the case of a regular election, establish procedures and forms for the use of any alternative voting method authorized by by-law and provide a copy of the procedures and forms to each candidate.

Subsection 42(4) of the Act states that the Clerk shall provide the procedures and forms on or before December 31 in the year before the year of the election.

These procedures and forms are additional information for the electors and the candidates, and do not replace the Act.

Subsection 42(4) of the Act states that the procedures and forms established by the Clerk, if they are consistent with the principles of the Act, prevail over anything in the Act and the regulations made under it.

Subsection 11(2) of the Act states that the Clerk of a local municipality is responsible for conducting elections within that municipality and for:

- (a) preparing for the election;
- (b) preparing for and conducting a recount in the election;
- (c) maintaining peace and order in connection with the election; and
- (d) in a regular election, preparing and submitting the report described in subsection 12.1 (2).

With respect to the duties and authority of a Clerk, the Act further states as follows:

- 12(1) A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matter or
- (a) procedure that, is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation; and
 - (b) in the clerk's opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election.

12(2) The power conferred by subsection (1) includes power to establish forms, including forms of oaths and statutory declarations, and power to require their use.

12(3) The power conferred by subsection (1) includes power to require a person, as a condition of doing anything or having an election official do anything under this Act, to furnish proof that is satisfactory to the election official of the person's identity or qualifications, including citizenship or residency, or of any other matter.

13(1) Any notice or other information that this Act requires the clerk to give shall be given in a form and manner and at a time that the clerk considers adequate to give reasonable notice or to convey the information, as the case may be.

13(2) The clerk shall provide electors, candidates and persons who are eligible to be electors with information to enable them to exercise their rights under this Act.

Subsection 42(5) further states that when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, Sections 43 (advance votes) and 44 (voting proxies) apply only if the by-law so specifies. One of the reasons for the use of the alternative voting, being Telephone and Internet Voting was to eliminate proxies. By-law Number 2017-15 of The Township of North Dundas is silent on these issues and therefore proxy voting is not applicable. Therefore, with respect to proxies, a person cannot give his or her VIL to another eligible voter or other individual for the purpose of voting. Acceptance of a VIL including the actual voting thereof will be considered an illegal and corrupt practice and therefore subject to the penalty provision under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

The Act, more specifically section 53, also provides that the Clerk may declare an emergency if he or she is of the opinion that circumstances have arisen that are likely to prevent the election being conducted in accordance with this Act and provides the authority to the Clerk to make arrangements for the proper conduct of the election. Any arrangements made by the Clerk, if they are consistent with the principles of the Act, prevail over anything in the Act and the regulations and all such arrangements, if made in good faith, shall not be reviewed or set aside on account of unreasonableness or supposed unreasonableness.

Therefore, as Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of North Dundas and Returning Officer for the Municipal Elections, I do hereby certify and approve the following procedures for conducting the Municipal Elections, and also establish that the attached forms are the forms permitted to be used during this election process.

December 12, 2017
Date Approved

Jo-Anne McCaslin
Clerk / Returning Officer

2. DEFINITIONS

- (1) **Act** - means the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched, as amended
- (2) **Advance Voting** - means voting conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. beginning on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, and ending on Sunday, October 21, 2018, at 12:00 a.m.
- (3) **Ballot**.....means either an image on a computer screen of a ballot card for an election to be voted for, including all choices available to the voters and containing spaces in which the voters mark their votes; or when voting using a telephone or wireless phone, an audio set of instructions which describe all choices available to the voters and instructions to mark the election by depressing the numbered touchtone keypad for all offices; i.e. Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and applicable School Board(s).
- (4) **Campaigning** means a municipal election related activity for the purpose of supporting or opposing the election of a Candidate
- (5) **Campaign-related materials** means those materials that promote or oppose the candidacy of a person for elected office
- (6) **Candidate** - means a person who has been nominated under section 33 of the Act and whose nomination has been certified by the clerk under section 35 of the Act.
- (7) **Clerk** - means the Clerk of the Township who is responsible for conducting this Municipal Elections under the authority of the Act. *(This legislation provides that the Clerk of a municipality may provide for any matter that is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation and is, in the Clerk of the municipality's opinion, necessary or desirable - section 12 of the Act.)*
- (8) **Compliance Audit Committee** - means, in relation to a municipality, the committee established under section 88.37 of the Act.
- (9) **Election Campaign Advertisement** - means an advertisement in any broadcast, print, electronic or other medium that has the purpose of promoting or supporting the election of a Candidate.
- (10) **Election Official** - means the Clerk or other person(s) appointed in writing by the Clerk to carry out election duties under Act. An Election Official can only carry out the tasks and duties as assigned in writing by the Clerk, and must take the prescribed oath.

- (11) **Elector** - means a person who is entitled to be an elector at an election held in the local municipality, if on Voting Day he or she meets the qualifications outlined in subsections 17(2) and 17(3) of the Act
- (12) **Employees** includes full-time, part-time and contract employees, paid by the Township of North Dundas.
- (13) **eVoting Service Provider** means for the purpose of the 2018 municipal election - Intelivote Systems Inc.
- (14) **Friend** - means a person who has been requested by an Elector to assist him or her in the voting process.
- (15) **Municipal Elections** - means the 2018 Municipal and School Board Township of North Dundas Elections.
- (16) **Password** - means an additional access control word assigned by the Service Provider to each authorized user to provide additional security for access to the telephone/Internet voting system.
- (17) **Personal Identification Number (“PIN”)** - means a unique multiple digit number assigned by the Service Provider to each Elector to provide security for access to the telephone/Internet voting system.
- (18) **Preliminary List of Electors** - means a list of Electors for the Township compiled by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and provided to the Township between July 31 and September 1, 2018, as agreed upon by MPAC and the Clerk.
- (19) **Satisfactory Identification** - means the identification required under the Act and/or Ontario Regulation 304/13, which would provide proof of identity and residence of an individual to the satisfaction of an Election Official.
- (20) **Service Provider** - means the company (Intelivote Systems Inc.) the Township has contracted to supply a telephone/Internet voting system for the Municipal Elections.
- (21) **Script** - means all information flow and system prompts from the telephone/Internet voting system including instructions, informational messages, error messages, and exceptions.
- (22) **Scrutineer** - means an individual, appointed in writing by a Candidate, to represent him or her during the voting process.

- (23) **Third Party Advertisement** - means an advertisement in any broadcast, print, electronic or other medium that has the purpose of promoting, supporting or opposing,
- (a) a Candidate, or
 - (b) a “yes” or “no” answer to a question referred to in subsection 8(1), (2) or (3) of the Act,
 - (c) but does not include an advertisement by or under the direction of a Candidate or an advertisement described in subsection 1(2) or 1(2.1) of the Act.
- (24) **Municipal Office** - means the municipal building located at 636 St. Lawrence St. Winchester, Ontario.
- (25) **Township** - means The Corporation of the Township of North Dundas.
- (26) **Voter Help Centre** - means a location designated by the Clerk to assist Electors with the voting process or other general election inquiries, and to make additions, deletions and corrections to the Voters’ List. The Voter Help Centre is at the Municipal Office located at 636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario, and the phone number is 613-774-2105.
- (27) **Voters’ List** - means the Preliminary List of Electors, as corrected by the Clerk, under the provisions of section 22 of the Act.
- (28) **Voting Day** - means the final day on which the vote is to be taken in an election and shall be until 8:00 p.m. on that day. Voting day for the Municipal Elections shall begin at 12:00 a.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. on October 22, 2018.
- (29) **Voter Information Letter** - means a sealed envelope containing a Personal Identification Number (PIN) and voting procedures to be sent to each person on the Voters’ List.
- (30) **Voting Period** - means the period including Advance Voting and Voting Day, being the period beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, and ending on Monday, October 22, 2018, at 8:00 p.m.

3. APPLICATION

- (1) This procedure has been developed under the authority of subsection 42(4) pursuant to subsection 42(3) (a)(ii) of the Act, and applies to the telephone/Internet voting for the Municipal Elections, being conducted by the Township between Wednesday, October 17, 2018, and Monday, October 22, 2018.
- (2) The procedures and forms established by this document prevail over anything in the Act and its regulations, as per subsection 42(4) of the Act.
- (3) Where these procedures do not provide for any matter, the Municipal Elections shall be conducted as far as is consistent and practical within the principles of the Act with the same being determined and established by the Clerk.
- (4) At the discretion of the Clerk of the Township, these procedures may be modified at any time. Any amendment to these procedures shall be signed by the Clerk and a copy of the amendment(s) shall be provided forthwith to all Candidates for office for the Municipal Elections.

4. SECRECY

- (1) The Clerk shall require all Election Officials and/or other persons working in connection with the Municipal Elections to swear or affirm an oath of secrecy in accordance with section 49 of the Act.
- (2) No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with an Elector while in the process of accessing the telephone/Internet voting service or interfere or attempt to interfere in the voting process while using the telephone/Internet voting service unless expressly requested and authorized by an Elector asking for assistance.
- (3) No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain information about how an Elector intends to vote or has voted. Any individual requested by an Elector to assist him or her in voting is required to maintain the secrecy of the vote(s) cast by the Elector and shall vote according to the instructions and wishes of the Elector.
- (4) No persons shall communicate any information that might have been inadvertently obtained about how an Elector intends to vote or has voted.
- (5) No Electors shall reveal how he or she intends to vote except when obtaining assistance in voting from either a Friend person or an Election Official.

- (6) All Electors voting at the Voter Help Centre may vote with the assistance of a Friend (Form ND24A) However, the Friend shall be required to take the appropriate oath prior to providing assistance (Form ND24).
- (7) All complaints regarding any and/or all breaches of secrecy shall be investigated by the proper authorities and shall be prosecuted according to the provisions of “Offences, Penalties and Enforcement” under sections 89 and 90 of the Act.

5. ELECTION OFFICIALS

- (1) The Clerk shall appoint a Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) for the Voter Help Centre.
- (2) The Clerk may appoint other Election Officials other than the DRO to fulfill specific tasks.
- (3) The Clerk may delegate to election officials in writing, any of the Clerk’s powers and duties, however, the Clerk may continue to exercise the delegated powers and duties, despite delegation.

The following Election Personnel are appointed for the purpose of this procedure:

- (4) Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) – authority will include:
 - a) electronically verify that eligible voters be limited to only one vote through the use of a PIN distributed by first class mail in a sealed and personalized VIL;
 - b) requesting Voters to provide proof of identity and citizenship;
 - c) amending the Voters’ List at the Voting Place to **add** and/or **correct** erroneous information pertaining to a Voter, and/or **delete** a Voter’s own name **or** the name of a family member;
 - d) administering the following oaths:
 - ✓ Oral Oath of Friend of Voter;
 - ✓ Oral Oath of Interpreter;
 - ✓ Oral Oath of Secrecy on Scrutineer Form;
 - ✓ Oath of Candidate; and
 - ✓ Oral Oath Qualification.
 - e) maintaining peace and order at the Voting Place by removing anyone who is causing a disturbance; and

- f) undertaking any other election duty as assigned by the Clerk.

(5) Assistant Deputy Returning Officer(s) & Election Assistants - shall assist the DRO with his/her duties that include the following:

- a) electronically verify that eligible voters be limited to only one vote through the use of a PIN distributed by first class mail in a sealed and personalized VIL;
- b) requesting Voters to provide proof of identity and citizenship;
- c) amending the Voters' List at the Voting Place to **add** and/or **correct** erroneous information pertaining to a Voter, and/or **delete** a Voter's own name **or** the name of a family member;
- d) administering the following oaths:
 - ✓ Oral Oath of Friend of Voter;
 - ✓ Oral Oath of Interpreter;
 - ✓ Oral Oath of Secrecy on Scrutineer Form;
 - ✓ Oath of Candidate; and
 - ✓ Oral Oath Qualification.
- e) Issuing a second ballot to a Voter should a Voter return their first ballot as a cancelled ballot;
- f) maintaining peace and order at the Voting Place by removing anyone who is causing a disturbance; and
- g) undertaking any other election duty as assigned by the Clerk.

(6) On Call Constable (ND By-law Officer) – shall act faithfully in the capacity assigned and perform all the duties required by law without partiality, fear or affection. In addition, the On Call Constable shall:

- a) aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting;
- b) not interfere or attempt to interfere with a voter when he/she is marking his/her Ballot, obtain or communicate any information as to how a voter is about to vote or has voted, or directly or indirectly induce a voter to show his/her marked Ballot to any person; and
- c) any other required Municipal Elections duties.

6. PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS / VOTERS' LIST

- (1) The Preliminary List of Electors is produced by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in an electronic format. The list shall be reviewed by the Clerk of the Township and obvious errors shall be corrected as permitted under section 22 of the Act. This list, as corrected, will constitute the Voters' List.
- (2) On September 4, 2018, the Voters' Lists shall be reproduced in paper and/or in electronic format, and distributed to those who are entitled to a copy under subsections 23(3), (4) and (5) of the Act.
 - (a) All Candidates shall be entitled to one (1) paper copy and/or an electronic format of the Voters' List, and shall sign a statement acknowledging that the Voters' List shall not be used for any commercial purposes contrary to subsection 88(11) of the Act (Form ND11).
 - (b) All Candidates may receive login ID(s) and Password(s) allowing them to view the Voters' List that contains the names of the Electors who are entitled to vote for their office. They can use the module to identify and track individual Electors during the course of the Municipal Elections and Voting Period to observe participation.
- (3) The Voters' List shall be accessible by authorized Election Officials and may be reproduced in paper and/or in electronic format by the Clerk to accommodate the administration in the voting process at the Voter Help Centre.
- (4) Additions, corrections and deletions may be made to the Voters' List in accordance with sections 24 and 25 the Act.
- (5) The Voters' List shall be updated and reproduced with a computer program called VoterView (Datafix).
- (6) The Clerk shall produce a list of additions, corrections and deletions, and shall distribute a paper and/or electronic format of these additions, corrections and deletions to those who are entitled to copies of the Voters' List under the Act and the same shall be the final Voters' List. A list of these additions, corrections and deletions in a paper and/or electronic format shall be provided for use by the Voter Help Centre. This list, as required under section 27 of the Act, shall be available between September 15 and September 25, 2018, at the Municipal Office.

- (7) The final Voters' List, as corrected by the Clerk pursuant to section 23 of the Act, shall be provided to the Service Provider in computer format in order for the Service Provider to manage and print the Voter Information Letters.

7. REVISION OF THE VOTERS' LIST

- (1) The Voter Help Centre shall be established at the Municipal Office, and shall be open to the public on the following dates and times, and at such additional dates and times as determined by the Clerk:

Date	Time
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 18, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, October 19, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 20, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 21, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday, October 22, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- (2) The final Voters' List shall be continually updated by the Voter Help Centre until the closing of the vote on October 22, 2018, at 8:00 p.m.

- (3) The Voter Help Centre shall be responsible for the following:

(a) Adding Electors to the Voters' List

- (i) Electors who attend the Voter Help Centre and are not on the Voters' List may be added to the list by filling out a declaration form and providing Satisfactory Identification (Form ND40) (EL15).
- (ii) When a spouse or occupant does not have any piece of identification confirming their name and address, this person shall be identified by a person who shall take an oath confirming the eligibility of that person to vote, and shall also show his or her own identification document (PF 9). Failure to prove his or her identity and eligibility may result in being refused to be added on the Voters' List.
- (iii) Their names will be added to the Voters' List and they will be assigned and receive (or mailed) a Voter Information Letter containing a PIN.
- (iv) They will be able to vote at the Voter Help Centre if they so wish during the Voting Period.

(b) Deleting Electors from the Voters' List

- (i) Electors may have their name deleted from the Voters' List if they are no longer an Elector in the Township by filling out a declaration form and providing Satisfactory Identification (Form ND40).

(c) Correcting Electors' information on the Voters' List

- (i) Electors may correct their information by filling out a declaration form and providing Satisfactory Identification (Form ND40).
- (d) Verifying and re-issuing a Voter Information Letter to Electors
 - (i) Where a person on the Voters' List has lost his or her Voter Information Letter or did not receive it in the mail, he or she can attend the Voter Help Centre in order to receive a new one. The authorized Election Official will disable the Elector's lost PIN and electronically mark it in the system with the appropriate details. Upon providing Satisfactory Identification to an Election Official, an oath shall be taken by the Elector and a new Voter Information Letter containing a new PIN shall be issued (Form ND42).
- (e) Verifying and re-issuing a PIN to Electors
 - (i) Where a person on the Voters' List has lost his or her PIN, did not receive it in the mail, or does not have access to it, he or she can attend a Voter Help Centre in order to receive a new one. The authorized Election Official will disable the Elector's previous PIN and electronically mark it in the system with the appropriate details. Upon providing Satisfactory Identification to the Election Official, as may be defined, a new PIN shall be issued.
 - (ii) If it is during the Voting Period the authorized Election Official shall verify in the system whether that Elector's record shows that the Elector has already voted.
- (f) Removing another's name from Voters' List
 - (i) Applications for the removal of another Elector from the list shall be made on (Form EL 15/16) and deposited from Tuesday, September 4, 2018, to Monday, October 22, 2018, at 8:00 p.m. The removal will be at the discretion of the Election Official.

8. NOTICES

- (1) The Clerk of the Township shall notify Electors of the following election information through the use of newspaper advertisements, the municipal website or any other method the Clerk deems appropriate:
 - (a) Notice of Election information
 - (i) The Township has adopted alternative voting methods, being vote by telephone and by Internet.
 - (ii) The location, dates, and hours of operation of the Voter Help Centre.
 - (iii) The time and date for the holding of the vote, including Advance Voting.
 - (iv) The manner in which Electors may use the alternative voting methods.
 - (v) The procedure by which name can be added or deleted, and information corrected in the Voters' List.
 - (b) Notice of Nomination day
 - (i) The offices for which a person may be nominated, along with the nomination period.
 - (c) Notice of Penalties
 - (i) Before Voting Day, the Clerk will send each person nominated for an office a notice of penalties related to the election campaign finances and the refund of the nomination filing fees.
 - (d) Certified Election Results
 - (i) Certified election results will be presented by the Clerk as soon as possible after Voting Day.
- (2) The Clerk shall determine the date(s) of all advertisements including in which newspaper(s) the notices are to appear in order to comply with the requirements and principles of the Act.
- (3) Joint advertisements may be done with neighboring municipalities.
- (4) The Clerk reserves the right to publish additional advertisements and notices as deemed appropriate.
- (5) Each person on the Voters' List shall be mailed, by "first-class" mail a sealed Voter Information Letter containing:
 - (a) his or her PIN, the telephone number to call to cast a vote, and the designated Internet address (URL) to access to cast a vote using the Internet;

- (b) instructions on how to vote;
- (c) dates and hours of voting; and
- (d) the location and telephone number of the Voter Help Centre.

9. NOMINATIONS

- (1) A person may be nominated for an office by filing a nomination, in the prescribed form, in the Clerk's Office, in person or by an agent during the nomination period which commences on May 1, 2018 and ends on Nomination Day on July 27, 2018.
- (2) Effective April 1, 2018, the nomination of a person for an office on council must be endorsed by at least 25 persons. The person endorsing a nomination must be eligible to vote in an election for an office within the Township, if a regular election was held on the day that the person endorses the nomination.
- (3) When the Candidate submits the nomination paper, the papers must be signed in the presence of a commissioner. The onus is on the person nominated to file a bona fide nomination paper.
 - (a) If a nomination is filed by an agent, the Candidate's declaration must be completed and commissioned prior to filing. If the form is not commissioned upon filing, the Clerk shall not accept the nomination.
- (4) The filing fee must accompany the nomination. The prescribed nomination fee is \$200 for the head of council and \$100 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, certified cheque, or debit.
- (5) Upon accepting the nomination, the Candidate shall receive a Candidate's Information Package and be advised in writing that his/her nomination shall be examined by the Clerk prior to 4:00 p.m. on the Monday following Nomination Day, July 30, 2018.
 - (a) If satisfied that the person is qualified to be nominated and that the nomination complies with the Act, the Clerk shall certify the nomination filed.
 - (b) If not satisfied, the Clerk shall reject the nomination and, as soon as possible, give notice to the person who sought to be nominated and all other candidates for that office.

10. VOTING

- (1) A telephone/Internet voting method shall be used for the Municipal Elections:
 - (a) Telephone/Internet voting
 - i. Electors shall be required to telephone a designated number or access a designated Internet address and cast their vote.
 - ii. Upon accessing the internet voting site and before the credential page, the Elector shall be required to identify a CAPTCHA to ensure a secure voting process.
 - iii. Every Elector shall be limited to only one vote through the use of a PIN distributed by first-class mail in a sealed and personalized Voter Information Letter.
 - iv. Furthermore, every Elector shall be required to enter their date of birth to confirm eligibility.
 - v. The Service Provider will allow the Elector to vote using the telephone/Internet voting system.
 - vi. Following the Elector's selection, the telephone/Internet voting system response shall identify the Elector's choice and provide the Electors with the option of changing or confirming their vote.
 - vii. The telephone/Internet voting system shall enable the Elector to decline from voting for an office(s) if he/she wishes to do so.
 - viii. Once the PIN has been used it cannot be used again, unless disconnected while voting and then only further access shall be granted to the telephone/Internet voting system.
 - (b) Voting will commence on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. and conclude on Monday, October 22, 2018, at 8:00 p.m.
- (2) Prior to the activation of the telephone/Internet voting system by the Service Provider on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, the Service Provider shall forward to the Clerk by electronic mail or facsimile transmission, a list of all of the Candidates' names running for office, including the sum total of votes cast to ensure that all totals for all Candidates indicate zero (0). The telephone/Internet voting system will not be activated until it is confirmed that all the counts associated with a Candidate's name have been deleted from the system and an electronic mail or facsimile transmission has been received indicating a zero (0) total for all Candidates.
- (3) Candidates or their Scrutineers may be present to verify and ensure that all totals of votes cast are at zero (0) and may be requested to sign a document that attests to this fact.
- (4) During the Voting Period, the Service Provider will make available online a list to the Clerk of all Electors by order of school districts who have voted. The names of Electors who have voted will be marked as voted. A list of Electors

who have voted will be provided or made available to the Candidates or their respective Scrutineer by the Clerk. This list shall be provided by the Service Provider in real time or as closely as possible to real time, and shall be printed by the Clerk in accordance with the following:

- (a) On October 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2018, this list shall be printed daily and be available at 11:00 a.m. at the Voter Help Centre.
 - (b) On Voting Day, October 22, 2018, the list of Electors who have voted shall be available to Candidates or their Scrutineers on a more regular basis. The schedule will be determined subsequently.
- (5) The Service Provider will make available during the course of the Municipal Elections, IDs and Passwords for Candidates and their Scrutineers, who when using this authorization can connect to a candidate module to review Voter's List information previously identified by them to recognize participants in the Municipal Elections. This capability does not provide the Candidate or their designate information on how an Elector has voted, but only if they have voted in the Municipal Elections.
 - (6) Where an Elector is associated with multiple properties within the Township, the Elector may vote only once, and the qualifying address to determine eligibility for voting shall be the place of residence of the Elector. All duplication of names on the Preliminary List of Electors shall be verified by the Clerk and/or Election Official(s), and all duplicate names of individuals shall be deleted prior to the final preparation of the Voters' List. Should an Elector receive more than one Voter Information Letter, the Elector may only vote once and must return the other Voter Information Letters to the Voter Help Centre. All Electors that vote more than once or who improperly use the Voter Information Letter shall be reported to the Ontario Provincial Police for further investigation as to possible corrupt practices under the Act.
 - (7) Should a Voter Information Letter be returned to the Municipal Office that has been unopened, the Voter Information Letter will remain unopened, marked as "unused" and be maintained in a secure fashion and will be destroyed at the same time as all other municipal election material as provided for under section 88 of the Act.
 - (8) Should a Voter Information Letter be returned to Municipal Office that has been opened but has not been used for voting purposes, the PIN status will be disabled by an Election Official in a manner that prevents the PIN from being successfully validated in the voting process. In this circumstance, the Voter Information Letter shall be marked as "deleted" and be retained and destroyed at the same time as all other municipal election material as provided for under section 88 of the Act.

- (9) The Clerk and the Election Official(s) shall ensure a complete audit trail is maintained of all Voter Information Letters:
- (a) that were sent to Electors on the Voters' List;
 - (b) that were undeliverable and returned from the Post Office;
 - (c) that were returned by an Elector or other individual(s) either opened or unopened but unused for voting purposes;
 - (d) that were deleted from the system;
 - (e) that were re-issued to an Elector; and
 - (f) whose PIN on the Voter Information Letters were set to a status that prevented them from being validated in the voting process.
- (10) Re-issuance of a new Voter Information Letter:
- (a) Where an Elector has attempted to validate his or her PIN and they have determined that the PIN has already been used, the Elector can attend the Voter Help Centre, bringing Satisfactory Identification and have an Election Official confirm that the PIN has been used by an impersonator.
 - (b) Prior to considering or authorizing the re-issuance of a new Voter Information Letter which contains a new PIN, the Elector shall be required to respond and answer any and all questions from the Election Official. The Election Official shall document, to his or her satisfaction, questions and answers of the Elector and, if deemed appropriate, the Clerk shall submit same to the Ontario Provincial Police for further investigation and prosecution.
 - (c) If the Election Official believes that all questions have been answered truthfully and to his or her satisfaction, the Election Official may authorize the provision of a new Voter Information Letter which contains a new PIN or, at the discretion of the Election Official the Elector will be required to make a declaration as to his or her statement and to take an oath which shall be given by the Election Official. A copy of this declaration shall also be submitted to the Ontario Provincial Police should further questioning be required in order to ascertain if corrupt practices have occurred. The Elector will be required to assist and cooperate in the investigation in determining the individual(s) who has fraudulently used the Elector's assigned PIN.
 - (d) Once the Elector has properly answered all questions, and taken prescribed oath(s), the Elector shall be issued a new Voter Information Letter containing a new PIN (Form ND42). As a condition to re-issuance of a Voter Information Letter, the Elector will be required to vote at the Voter Help Centre. Should the Elector fail to vote at the Voter Help Centre or leave the Voter Help Centre without voting, the Election Official shall forthwith delete from the system the PIN and the Voter Information Letter

shall be voided. The Elector shall forfeit his or her right to vote and shall not be entitled to a new Voter Information Letter. The Ontario Provincial Police shall be advised immediately to determine if a corrupt practice has occurred.

- (11) Where an Elector has attempted to validate his or her PIN and it is not valid, the Election Official will ensure that it has been activated.
- (12) Incorrect Voter Information Letter:
 - (a) Where an Elector has received an incorrect Voter Information Letter in terms of school district of North Dundas Trustees, the Elector can attend the Voter Help Centre in order to receive a correct one provided that the Voter Information Letter has not been used to vote. If the Elector has used the Voter Information Letter to vote and the system indicates that the Elector has used the PIN, the Elector shall be deemed to have voted and shall be denied a new Voter Information Letter.
 - (b) The Elector shall return the original unused Voter Information Letter to the Election Official in order to qualify for a new Voter Information Letter. The PIN shall be deleted immediately by the authorized Election Official. Upon receiving Satisfactory Identification and completing a statutory declaration, a new Voter Information Letter shall be issued to the Elector (Form ND42).
- (13) New PIN(s) shall not be given out over the telephone or by mail. A Voter Information Letter containing a PIN shall not be given to any person at the Voter Help Centre unless Satisfactory Identification is provided and the individual has taken the required oath(s) as administered by an Election Official.

11. ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) As per subsection 17(2) of the Act, a person is entitled to be an Elector in the Municipal Elections if, on Voting Day, October 22, 2018, he or she:
 - (a) is a Canadian citizen;
 - (b) is at least 18 years old; and
 - (c) resides in the local municipality or is the owner or tenant of land in the local municipality, or the spouse of such owner or tenant.

- (2) As per subsection 17(3) of the Act, the following are prohibited from voting:
 - (a) A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
 - (b) A corporation.
 - (c) A person acting as executor or trustee or in any other representative capacity.
 - (d) A person who was convicted of the corrupt practice described in subsection 90(3), if Voting Day in the current election is less than five years after Voting Day in the election in respect of which he or she was convicted.

12. VOTING PROCESS

- (1) Voter Information Letters shall be mailed by the Service by first-class mail to all Electors to enable them to use the telephone/Internet voting service.
- (2) Electors may vote by:
 - (a) Accessing the telephone number provided by using a touch-tone telephone or cellular telephone, but not a rotary dial telephone. “Digi-pulse” telephones will be able to access the system if the telephone override button is set to a “touch-tone” mode. Should the preceding be incorrectly completed, the interactive response system will provide an error message requesting that the Elector obtain assistance through the Voter Help Centre.
 - (b) Accessing the Internet address provided on the Voter Information Letter by using a dial modem access or a high-speed connection;
 - (c) Attending a Voter Help Centre during the following dates and times. Telephones, computers and/or tablets will be available:

Date	Time
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 18, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, October 19, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 20, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 21, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday, October 22, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- (d) Attending a Voter Help Centre during hours identified in paragraph (c) with a Friend, who will have to take the appropriate oath(s) and having the Friend vote using the telephones, computers and/or tablets provided (Forms ND24) ;
- (e) Attending a Voter Help Centre during hours identified in paragraph (c) with an interpreter, who will have to take the appropriate oath(s) and having the interpreter vote using the telephones, computers and/or tablets provided (Forms ND24); or
- (f) Attending a Voter Help Centre during hours identified in paragraph (c) and requesting the assistance of an Election Official, who may provide assistance only after the appropriate oath(s) has been taken (Form ND24).

- (3) Election Staff will make arrangements with local long-term care facilities, retirement homes and senior support centers to determine suitable voting opportunities for residents.

13. SCRUTINEERS AND CANDIDATES

- (1) Scrutineers may be appointed, in writing, by a Candidate, as stated under section 16 of the Act.
- (2) Upon request and after producing the properly signed form (Form ND 22) and prescribing to the oath(s) of secrecy (Form ND 25), Scrutineers may attend the Voter Help Centre during hours of operation to observe the process.
- (3) Candidates and appointed Scrutineers, have the following rights:
 - (a) To enter the Voter Help Centre location fifteen (15) minutes prior to the official opening in order to; verify that all votes cast are at zero (0) as described in subsection 8(3) of this document, and to sign the reports, however, the actions of the Scrutineer shall not in any way delay the opening of the Voter Help Centre.
 - (b) To be present at the time and place where results are received by the Clerk including signing the document that indicates the final results and votes cast. No copy of the final results will be provided until posted at the Municipal Office located at 636 St. Lawrence St. Winchester, Ontario, and/or other designated areas as determined by the Clerk.
- (4) Restrictions apply to Scrutineers and to Candidates :
 - (a) Attempting directly or indirectly to interfere, influence or to determine how an Elector is voting or intends to vote.
 - (b) Displaying a Candidate's Election Campaign Advertisement in the Voter Help Centre or on the property of the Voter Help Centre.
 - (c) Compromising the secrecy of the voting.
 - (d) Interfering or attempting to interfere with an Elector who is voting.
 - (e) Limiting discussion with Electors as to not intimidate other Electors on site.
 - (f) Obtaining or attempting to obtain, in the Voter Help Centre, any information about how an Elector intends to vote or has voted, and communicating any information about how an Elector intends to vote or has voted.

- (g) Scrutineers and Candidates shall be required to wear an identification as issued to them by the Clerk. The identification will indicate that they are acting in the capacity of a Scrutineer. No other identification, badges, buttons or clothing with symbols or writing which may identify a particular Candidate will be permitted in the Voter Help Centre.
 - (h) Only one Scrutineer may be present at the Voter Help Centre. When a Candidate arrives at the Voter Help Centre, the Scrutineer connected to that Candidate will be required to leave the location, as the Candidate is considered to be a Scrutineer.
 - (i) Scrutineers and Candidates shall not be allowed outside or inside retirement homes during the dates and time listed in section 10(2) of this document.
- (5) Scrutineers who do not follow the instructions of the Clerk or Election Official, or who attempt to interfere, influence or determine how an Elector is voting, will be requested to leave the Voter Help Centre immediately. Their appointment will be revoked and they will not be permitted to re-attend the Voter Help Centre.
- (6) Use of a cellular telephone or any other electronic device shall not be permitted within the Voter Help Centre by any Candidate or Scrutineer.

14. SYSTEM

- (1) The integrity of the voting process shall be the responsibility of the Clerk of the Township and shall be preserved by:
- (a) Ensuring that every Elector on the Voters' List is mailed, using first-class mail, a sealed Voter Information Letter which contains the Elector's unique PIN;
 - (b) Ensuring that no one except the Service Provider, the Clerk of the Township, or designate, maintains a list of PINs that matches each Elector's name and address;
 - (c) Providing an opportunity for Electors who do not appear on the Voters' List to be added to the list, or to make amendments to the list, up to and including Voting Day on October 22, 2018, at 8:00 p.m.; and
 - (d) Establishing and enforcing proper procedures to ensure that no person is added to the Voters' List unless an Election Official is completely satisfied of the person's identity and qualification as an Elector in the Township.
- (2) The telephone/Internet voting system shall be tested at least once prior to the commencement of the Voting Period. The test(s) shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) checking the verbal content and the wording of the Script;
 - (b) checking the Voter Help Centre telephone(s) and Internet access;
 - (c) attempting to use a PIN more than once;
 - (d) balancing a predetermined number of votes with those cast;
 - (e) matching PINs to names and addresses;
 - (f) checking the system which is used for activating PINs; and
 - (g) deliberately entering the wrong information.
- (3) All Candidates are to provide to the Clerk the proper pronunciation of their name, in English and in French, if applicable including the spelling of their name, no later than August 2, 2018.
 - (4) A demonstration to the Candidates and/or their Scrutineer will be provided with respect to subsection 12(2) of this document. The location, date and time for this demonstration shall be determined by the Clerk and shall be prior to the Voting Period.
 - (5) The Clerk may appoint an auditor who will assist the Clerk to help ensure the Municipal and Elections is conducted in accordance with the Act.
 - (6) If the Clerk appoints an auditor then the Clerk will amend these procedures to provide for the responsibilities and actions to be undertaken by the auditor and shall immediately notify all certified candidates.

15. CAMPAIGN MATERIAL / SIGNS (Please see TND By-law 53-2013)

Section 12 of the Act prescribes that a Clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matters or procedures that are necessary or desirable for conducting the election and that is not otherwise provided for in an Act, or regulation.

- 1. The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* prohibits display of a Candidate's campaign material or literature in a Voting Place. A Voting Place shall be the entire property on which a Voting Place is located, including parking areas.
- 2. The following restrictions shall apply to Municipal Election Signs:
 - a) No election sign shall be larger than 4 feet by 4 feet (1.3 metres);

- b) No election sign shall be located within 150 feet (45.72 metres) of any voting place, including the parking lot and road allowance in front of any voting place;
 - c) No election sign shall be located within 300 feet (91.44 metres) of the driveway entrance to the North Dundas Municipal Office;
 - d) No election sign shall be posted in the Township of North Dundas for a candidate in another jurisdiction;
 - e) No election sign shall be placed on any tree, post, utility pole, fence or attenuation wall on any municipal property;
 - f) No election signage shall be placed so as to:
 - i) obstruct the visibility of any pedestrian or driver;
 - ii) obstruct the visibility of any traffic sign or device;
 - iii) interfere with vehicular traffic in any manner; or
 - iv) obstruct openings required for fire or medical emergencies.
 - g) No election sign shall be posted on private property without the express consent of the owner.
3. Where election signs have been posted in contravention to these Policies and Procedures, the Clerk may notify the owner, Candidate or their agent to remove the sign. Public Nuisance Sign By-law 53-2013 with respect to election signs.

16. THIRD PARTY ADVERTISEMENTS

- (1) Third Party Advertisements are regulated under sections 88.4 to 88.7 of the Act.

17. CORRUPT ELECTION PRACTICES – PROVINCIAL OFFENCE AND PROSECUTION

- (1) Sections 89 and 90 of the Act provides for penalties and enforcement of corrupt practices and other offences during an election process.
- (2) Although the Township will be using an alternative voting method, being telephone/Internet voting, the principles and the integrity of the election process will remain and is enforceable.

- (3) No person(s) shall solicit a Voter Information Letter from an Elector. All valid complaints or knowledge of solicitation shall be reported immediately to the Ontario Provincial Police for investigation of corrupt practices.
- (4) In addition, under the provisions of section 90 of the Act, if a person is convicted of an offence and the offence was committed knowingly, the offence also constitutes a corrupt practice and the person is liable, in addition to any other penalty, for a term of imprisonment not more than six (6) months.
- (5) Although many provisions of the Act also deal with voting places, ballots and ballot boxes, etc. the same must be used interchangeably with the “alternative form” of voting since the principle of the Act must be maintained and is therefore enforceable and subject to penalties.
- (6) All Candidates, Scrutineers or/and their election team are prohibited to help or assist an Elector to vote during the Voting Period including, but not limited to, their door-to-door campaign as this can be perceived as an illegal and corrupt election practice.
- (7) As such, the Clerk of the Township in this alternative form of voting, has established to the following regulations:
 - (a) THAT all complaints about actions which may contravene the provisions of the Act, either verbally or written, will be investigated by the Clerk.
 - (b) THAT all such valid complaints, once investigated to the extent and knowledge of the Clerk, will be submitted to the local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.
 - (c) THAT the Detachment Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police has been advised that all such complaints will be turned over to his or her office for further investigation.
 - (d) THAT the Detachment Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police, once the investigation is completed, may communicate with the Crown Attorney’s Office to determine if an individual(s) will be prosecuted.
 - (e) THAT the Clerk or any Election Official will not attempt to intervene in the prosecution and may be called to give evidence during prosecution.
 - (f) THAT a complaint may be made directly to the Detachment Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police if the complainant so desires.

18. MAIL TAMPERING – CRIMINAL OFFENCE AND PROSECUTION

- (1) The *Criminal Code of Canada* states that tampering with the mail of an individual is a criminal offence and a person(s) found guilty is liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten (10) years.
- (2) Since the Township will be using an alternative voting method, that being Telephone/Internet voting, and the notification of the voting process and how Electors can access the telephone/Internet voting system in order to exercise their right to vote will be completed through the mail, mail tampering is a criminal offence under the *Criminal Code of Canada*.
- (3) As such and in order to ensure the integrity and confidence of the voting process for all Electors and the Candidates, the Clerk of Township in this alternative form of voting has agreed to the following regulations:
 - (a) THAT all complaints about actions which may contravene the provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada with respect to mail tampering, either verbally or written, will be investigated by the Clerk.
 - (b) THAT all such valid complaints, once investigated to the extent and knowledge of the Clerk, will be submitted to the local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.
 - (c) THAT the Detachment Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police has been advised that all such complaints will be turned over to his or her office for further investigation.
 - (d) THAT the Detachment Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police, once the investigation is completed, may communicate with the Crown Attorney's Office to determine if an individual(s) will be prosecuted.
 - (e) THAT the Clerk or any Election Official will not attempt to intervene in the prosecution and may be called to give evidence during prosecution.
 - (f) THAT a complaint may be made directly to the Detachment Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police if the complainant so desires.

19. RESULTS

- (1) The Service Provider shall keep its public Internet and telephone voting open until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2018, and the Township's Voter Help Centre shall stay open until the Clerk of the Township confirms that all Electors in the Voter Help Centre at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2018, have completed voting. It shall be noted that the Elector who has connected to the telephone/Internet voting system, and entered their valid credentials just prior to 8:00 p.m. will be permitted fifteen (15) minutes (if required) to complete their

vote. The voting activity could be completed earlier if no Electors are in the system actively voting prior to the fifteen (15)-minute shutdown.

- (2) The Clerk of the Township, at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2018, shall not permit any person to enter the Voter Help Centre and after all Electors within the Voter Help Centre have voted, shall request the close and deactivation of the telephone/Internet voting service and shall also request the tabulation of the results for each Candidate. The final results of each Candidate shall be available after 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario.
- (3) The Clerk shall report the “unofficial results” when received from the Service Provider as soon as practicable after 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2018, at the Municipal Office located at 636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario, including any other location as deemed appropriate by the Clerk.
- (4) Pursuant to subsection 55(4) and subject to the provisions of section 56 of the Act concerning “Recounts”, the Clerk shall on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario.
 - (a) declare the Candidate or Candidates, as the case may be, who received the highest number of votes to be elected; and
 - (b) declare the result of any vote on a by-law or question.
- (5) The “official results” of each Candidate shall be available at the Municipal Office located, as soon as possible after Voting Day. Also, the Clerk shall post the “official results” results on the Township’s website.

20. TIED VOTE – RECOUNT PROCEDURES

- (1) In the case of a tied vote, as provided under section 56 of the Act, the Clerk of the Township shall request from the Service Provider a re-tabulation of the votes cast.
- (2) Pursuant to subsection 61(1) of the Act, the following persons will be authorized to attend the recount:
 - (a) the Clerk and any other Election Official appointed by the Clerk for the recount procedure including the Township’s lawyer;
 - (b) every Candidate for the office;
 - (c) the lawyer for each of the Candidates; and
 - (d) only one (1) Scrutineer for each of the Candidate.

- (3) Pursuant to subsection 56(2) of the Act, the recount shall be held within fifteen (15) days after the Clerk's declaration of the results of the Municipal Elections, and therefore the recount shall occur on or before 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at the Municipal Office.
- (4) The Clerk shall request the Service Provider to re-tabulate the results for the office(s) that are subject to the recount. The Service Provider shall send the results of the recount by facsimile transmission and/or by electronic mail (E-mail) as soon as possible.
- (5) Upon receipt of the final results of the recount, the Clerk shall announce the results of the recount and in the event of a tied vote, subsection 62(3) of the Act shall apply, being as follows:

“If the recount indicates that two or more Candidates who cannot both or all be declared elected to an office have received the same number of votes, the Clerk shall choose the successful Candidate or Candidates by lot”.
- (6) In the event that a tied vote occurs after the statutory recount, the following procedure shall be used and applied:
 - (a) The Clerk shall determine the texture and quality of the paper used for this process and each Candidate or the Candidates' lawyer and/or Scrutineer will have an opportunity to examine the paper to be used to inscribe the names of the Candidates.
 - (b) The Clerk shall inscribe the name of each Candidate on a similar size paper and the Candidates, the Candidates' lawyer and/or Scrutineer, without touching the paper, examine the same. In addition, all persons present will have an opportunity to examine the box which will be used for conducting the lot.
 - (c) Upon acceptance by all Candidates, the Candidates' lawyer and/or Scrutineer, the process outlined in paragraphs a) and b) above have been adhered to, the Clerk shall fold the papers bearing each Candidate's name twice in two (2) equal parts and shall deposit these papers, in full view of all persons present and authorized to attend, in an open-end box that will be acceptable to all persons present. In the event of a conflict or difference of opinion as to the selection of the box, the Clerk shall determine the box to be used for this process.
- (7) Upon completion of this process, the Clerk shall hold the box and, without looking into the box, ensure that the contents have been displaced sufficiently, and request the Township's lawyer to draw only one (1) or the required number for the purpose of determining the successful Candidate(s).

- (8) The Township's lawyer or a person appointed by the Clerk shall hand directly to the Clerk the selected and required number of papers and the Clerk shall read aloud the name of the Candidate or Candidates and proceed to declare this or these individuals elected.
- (9) Once completed, the Township's lawyer or a person appointed by the Clerk shall remove the remaining contents from the box and provide an opportunity for all persons present to examine these slips of papers including the box.

21. AFTER VOTING DAY

- (1) At no time shall Electors' personal information and PINs come together to allow anyone to know how an Elector has voted.
- (2) All election materials shall be destroyed in accordance with the principles of section 88 of the Act.

22. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- (1) Candidates and registered third parties shall file a financial statement and auditor's report either electronically or in printed format with the Clerk, as per sections 88.25 and 88.29 of the Act.
- (2) In accordance with section 88.30 of the Act, the filing date for financial statements and auditor's reports is the last Friday in March following the elections, which is March 29, 2019.

23. USE OF CORPORATE RESOURCES – Please refer to Policy 70-2018

The following guidelines shall be used for North Dundas, from the commencement of the Nomination and Campaign Period until the end of the Election Day regarding the use of corporate resources for election purposes:

Members of Council and all candidates for the municipal election who have submitted their Nomination Paper to the Clerk or are intending to run for re-election shall not:

- (1) use the facilities, equipment, supplies, services, staff or other resources of North Dundas for any election campaign or campaign-related activities. Such resources could include but are not limited to: postage or the use of fax or photocopy machines;
- (2) use municipally funded expense allowances for electoral purposes or electoral gain;

- (3) undertake any campaign-related activities on any municipal property unless full market value rent is paid. No campaign-related activities shall be allowed at any municipal facility at any time;
- (4) use business cards, envelopes, letterhead or any material imprinted with the municipal logo for election purposes;
- (5) enlist the use of Municipal staff to work in support of a municipal candidate during working hours unless they are on a leave of absence without pay, lieu time, or vacation leave;
- (6) print or distribute any material paid for by the Township that illustrates that a Member of Council or any other individual is registered in any election or where they will be running for office;
- (7) profile, or make reference to, in any material paid for by the Township, any individual who is registered as a candidate in any election;
- (8) print or distribute any material using municipal funds that makes reference to, or contains the names or photographs, or identifies registered candidates for municipal elections; minutes of Council and/or Committee Meetings being exempt;
- (9) use any website or domain names that are funded by the Township for the dissemination of election-related messages and material.

24. COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

- (1) Establish Compliance Audit Committee
 - (a) The Act requires municipalities to establish a Compliance Audit Committee before October 1 of an election year for the purposes of this Act to deal with complaints regarding the election campaign financing.
 - (b) Council shall approve the appointment of members by by-law.

25. ACCESSIBILITY – Please refer to TND ME Accessibility Plan (Res #20 – Apr 10/18)

- (1) The accessibility is regulated under section 12.1 of the Act:

Electors and Candidates with disabilities

12.1 (1) A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election shall have regard to the needs of electors and candidates with disabilities.

Plan re barriers

12(2) The clerk shall prepare a plan regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities and shall make the plan available to the public before voting day in a regular election.

Report

12(3) Within 90 days after voting day in a regular election, the clerk shall prepare a report about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities and shall make the report available to the public.

26. EMERGENCIES

- (1) Pursuant to section 53 of the Act, the Clerk may declare an emergency if he or she is of the opinion that circumstances have arisen that are likely to prevent the Municipal Elections being conducted in accordance with the Act.
- (2) The Clerk may declare an emergency if the Clerk is of the opinion that circumstances have arisen that are likely to prevent the Municipal Elections being conducted in accordance with the Act. This authority relates not only to the conduct of the vote but also to any aspect of the election process.
- (3) In the event of an emergency, the Clerk shall post notices to the extent possible that the Municipal Elections have been delayed, and shall make such arrangements as he/she considers advisable for the conduct of the Municipal Elections.
- (4) In the event of an emergency, the Service Provider under direction from the Clerk, shall stop the telephone/Internet voting system from accepting calls via a telephone and connections from the Internet, thus preventing the Municipal Elections from continuing, or starting, as the case may be.
- (5) If required, the Clerk may consider alternate options for the following:
 - (a) reporting result;
 - (b) notification of Electors;
 - (c) Election Officials;
 - (d) Voting Period (delay of Voting Day, extension of voting hours or days(s));
and/or
 - (e) Alternate voting places or alternate facilities.
- (6) If any part of the voting for an office is not completed, do not release the results until the voting for that office is completed.
- (7) The arrangements made by the Clerk, if they are consistent with the principles of the Act, prevail over anything in the Act and the regulations made under it.

- (8) The emergency continues until the Clerk declares that it has ended.
- (9) In the event the Clerk is unable to be present to conduct procedures on Voting Day, there shall be a substitute qualified person appointed or available to attend to the election details.

27. AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURES

- (1) The Clerk has the right, at any time, up to and including Voting Day, to amend the procedures contained herein. A copy of any amendment will be posted on the Township Website.

28. ATTACHMENTS – FORMS

- (1) The following forms and notices have been approved for use by the Township in the election process:

PRESCRIBED FORMS	
FORM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
Form 1	Nomination Paper
Form 2	Endorsement of Nomination
Form 3	Appointment for Voting Proxy
Form 4	Campaign Financial Statement
Form 5	Financial Statement – Subsequent Expenses
Form 6	Notice of Extension of Campaign Period
Form 7	Notice of Registration (Question on the Ballot)
Form 8	Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report (Question on the Ballot)
Form 9	Declaration of Identity
<p><i>* The Ministry of Municipal Affairs website states that updated Guides and Forms will be posted at the beginning of April, 2018.</i></p>	

NON-PRESCRIBED FORMS	
FORM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
Form EL10	Duties, Appointment and Oath – Election Official
Form EL11	Duties, Appointment and Oath – Election Assistant
Form EL15	Application to Amend Voters’ List
Form EL15	Application for Removal of Another’s Name from the Voters’ List
Form EL18A	Declaration of Qualifications Municipal Candidates
Form EL19	Withdrawal of Nomination
Form EL26	Oath of Qualification
Form ND02	Consent to Release Personal Information
Form ND10	Candidate’s Declaration - Proper Use of Voters’ List
Form ND18	Appointment and Oath - Election Official
Form ND19	Delegation of Powers and Duties of Clerk
Form ND22	Appointment of Scrutineer by Candidate
Form ND23	Estimated Maximum Campaign Expenses
Form ND23B	Estimated Maximum Amount of Contributions Own Campaign
Form ND24	Oral Oath of Incapacity to Vote without Assistance
Form ND24	Oral Oath of Friend or Interpreter / Assistance
Form ND25	Oral Oath of Secrecy
Form ND42	Application to Re-Issue Voter’s Information Letter Voter (Lost and Unused)
Form ND43	Application to Re-Issue Voter’s Information Letter Voter (Impersonator)

- (2) Additional forms to those identified above may be approved by the Clerk of the Township for the Municipal Elections.