



Election Campaign Financial and Accessibility Report

KAPUSKASING 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The following provides final report pertaining to the 2018 municipal elections.

<i>Actions</i>		<i>Status</i>
1.	On December 31, 2018 campaign period ended marking deadline for candidates to provide Clerk with written notification of deficit and continuation of campaign period.	No notifications received
2.	January 15, 2019, notice to all candidates outlining requirements to file financial statements.	Undertaken
3.	February 21, 2019, Disposition of election records can be undertaken	Disposition of records scheduled May 2019
4.	March 29, 2019, prior to 2 p.m. deadline for filing financial statements for reporting period. Penalties for non-compliance will apply immediately unless court extension received by deadline.	All candidates filed financial statements by the required deadline.

The following provides campaign expenditures for municipal positions:

Note: Candidates have until March 29, 2019 to file their Campaign Financial Statements (Form 4)

Report as of March 29, 2019:

Candidate	Office	Campaign Expenses
Vic Fournel	Mayor (defeated)	\$655.36
Gilbert Peters	Mayor (defeated)	\$2,396.27
David Plourde	Mayor - Elected	\$3,200.89
Ron St Aubin	Mayor (defeated)	\$372.90
Julien Boucher	Councillor - Elected	\$532.71
Martin Credger	Councillor - Elected	\$197.75

Ted Czuba	Councillor (defeated)	\$432.90
Bob Daggett	Councillor (defeated)	Nil
Martin Dinnissen	Councillor (defeated)	Nil
Joey Fortier	Councillor (defeated)	\$220.86
Rick Lafleur	Councillor (defeated)	\$508.72
Sebastien Lessard	Councillor - Elected	\$776.44
Ken Munnoch	Councillor - Elected	\$851.29
Bruce Newton	Councillor - Elected	\$1,683.91
Jodi Robinson	Councillor (defeated)	\$372.90
Guylaine Scherer	Councillor - Elected	\$351.43
Frank Siebert	Councillor (defeated)	Nil
Gilles Theberge	Councillor (defeated)	\$511.34
Marcel Valliere	Councillor (defeated)	\$ 717.07
Daniel Grzela	French Separate School Board Trustee - Acclaimed	Nil
Denis Lincez	English Separate School Board Trustee - Elected	Nil
Nathalie MacKenzie	English Separate School Board Trustee - Defeated	Nil
Bruce Hayter	English Public School Board Trustee - Defeated	Nil
Cindy Pye Reasbeck	English Public School Board Trustee - Elected	Nil
Michel Seguin	French Public School Board Trustee - Acclaimed	Nil

** Above figures do not include nomination fees which have been reimbursed.

REPORT: KAPUSKASING 2018 ACCESSIBLE ELECTIONS

Identification of Barriers

The following actions were undertaken to identify barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities:

<i>Actions</i>		<i>Considerations for 2022 Election</i>
1.	Reviewed and obtained input on election accessibility from the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).	Schedule and advertise for KABS service for the Advance Polls and Election Day.
2.	Assessed voting equipment to ensure it met the needs of the electorate.	<p>Ballot printing, incorporate a larger font. Due to the large number of candidates and offices, the font size was smaller in 2018. Consider separate ballots for School Boards (manual count as there are not many), or larger size paper (legal). Legal paper will require re-calibrating the AccuTab voting tabulators.</p> <p>Consideration to proceed with on-line voting plus tabulators, training and accessibility will be incorporated.</p> <p>Review tabulator equipment (obtained pre-1999 as pre-owned equipment) and explore new technology (on-line voting or new tabulators that would allow larger fonts, bigger/brighter spaces to mark votes) – Budget item for 2021</p> <p>Complaints were received with respect to visibility of the marking areas which will need to be addressed in 2022 Elections.</p>
3.	Assessed the risk of election practices, considered the likelihood of risks associated with accessibility of candidates and electors and addressed mitigation or minimization measures.	<p>2022 Elections to be held at the Civic Centre which is an accessible facility with elevator.</p> <p>Better promotion of the accessibility. (issue: no newspaper from August to December 2018 made it difficult to promote)</p> <p>In 2018, outdoor lights were changed to brighter and wider lighting. Assess lighting and additional parking for 2022. Investigate development of parking lot in proximity (Gore)</p>
4.	Advance Polls offered at three facilities, 88 Cedar and two	Continue with format and facilities mailer; hold pre-Advance

	(2) McPherson Street senior buildings	Voting activity to ensure residents on voters list and assist with <i>Additions to Voters</i> list.
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Removal and Prevention of Barriers

The following actions were taken to remove and prevent barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities:

<i>Actions</i>		<i>Considerations for 2022 Election</i>
1.	Bilingual communication initiatives and information for candidates and electors was available on the website and advertised	Continue with practice of posting all information to municipality’s website and incorporate social media. Prepare and mail directly to all households Candidate and Voting Information Sheet. Use of local newspaper for advertising also to reach the senior population.
2.	Provided Nomination forms, Candidates guide for Municipal Elections, Info guide for School Board Trustee candidates; advertising of relevant dates on the municipality’s website and Facebook page; and any other related material relevant to the Elections.	Continue with practice established. Increased use of social media. Consider Meet the Candidates event hosted by the municipality.
3.	Utilized website and Facebook along with on-site billboard signs to promote advance polls and election day.	Continue with practice established.
4.	Provided staff with election training which spoke to the importance of accessible customer service, confidentiality and customer service.	Continue with practice established.
5.	Provided candidates with all relevant information to ensure a positive campaign for candidates and electors. All communication with candidates was undertaken by email and hard copies, if necessary.	Continue with practice established.

Voting Locations

<i>Actions</i>		<i>Considerations for 2022 Election</i>
1.	Conducted site visit of voting location to ensure full accessibility as per customer standards. The provision of one central voting location has	Advance Poll and Election Day be held at the Civic Centre; Continue with advance poll for three

	been successful.	senior facilities. (Cedar and two MacPherson buildings)
2.	Provided appropriate and visible signage at voting locations.	Continue with practice established.
3.	Permitted service animals and support persons in all voting locations.	Continue with practice established.
4.	Set up a process to facilitate back-up generator in event an emergency occurs.	Civic Centre has a permanent generator in place that operates automatically in the event of an emergency.
5.	Ensured availability of designated parking for persons with disabilities at voting location.	Civic Centre has designated parking for persons with disabilities. Improve parking by seeking additional parking space close to the entrances and continue to offer parking attendants and traffic control (as done in 2018 with P. Works labourers) to assist with backing up onto Riverside Drive and finding available spaces.
6.	Election Worker at entrance to direct and assist electors.	Continue with practice established. Ensure seating is available for waiting lines.

Voting

<i>Actions</i>		<i>Considerations for 2022 Election</i>
1.	Provided Accessibility Standards for Customer Service with provisions such as use of service animals and support staff for voting at the advance voting location on voting day.	Continue with practice established.
2.	Provided instructions and visual signage on use of accessible voting equipment.	Continue with practice established.
3.	Promoted advance voting opportunity for all electors with three (3) additional Advance Polls at three senior buildings.	Continue with practice established.
4.	Provided voting opportunities on the premises of: North Centennial Manor, Extendicare Nursing Home and Sensenbrenner Hospital long term care.	Continue with practice established. Obtain more information and training from the Ministry with respect to patients incapable to respond, speak, or acknowledge voting rights.

Staff Training

Actions		Considerations for 2022 Election
1.	Staff training incorporated provisions to meet accessible customer service standards.	Continue with practice established.
2.	Monitored elector's concerns and ensured that their needs were met, i.e. if an individual with a walker was in a long line, staff observed, and if felt that the elector was having difficulties, offered a chair or other assistance.	Continue with practice established.
3.	Ensured that electors were aware that magnifiers were available, if required.	Continue with practice established.
4.	Encouraged election workers to observe and approach an elector if it appeared that the elector required assistance.	Continue with practice established.
5.	Election staff was trained following the Municipality's Accessible Customer Service Policy.	Continue with practice established.
6.	Entrance Election workers checked frequently to offer assistance. Make sure to have sufficient staff to cover all workstations.	Continue with practice established.

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Municipal Clerk

March 29, 2019