

**STAFF REPORT: ADMINISTRATION**

**REPORT TO:** Council  
**MEETING DATE:** January 24, 2011  
**REPORT NO.:** A.11.04  
**SUBJECT:** Election – Identification, Removal and Prevention of Barriers that affect Electors and Candidates with Disabilities  
**PREPARED BY:** Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report A.11.04, “Election – Identification, Removal and Prevention of Barriers that Affect Electors and Candidates with Disabilities” for information purposes.

**B. Background**

Section 12.1 (1) of the Municipal Election Act requires that a Clerk who is responsible for conducting an election shall have regard to the needs of electors and candidates with disabilities.

Section 12.1 (2) of the Municipal Election Act requires that within 90 days after voting day (October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010), the clerk shall submit a report to council about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities.

It was the goal of the Clerk to ensure that Electors in the Town of The Blue Mountains who have a disability or an issue with accessibility are provided with the best opportunity to vote as independently as possible in the 2010 Municipal Election.

In keeping with legislation, the Clerk ensured the following items were addressed and completed with respect to the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors with disabilities:

1. The Town of The Blue Mountains used the Vote by Mail method (for the second time), essentially eliminating the need for polling locations with the exception of the revisions to the voters list.
2. On request, the Clerk was available to attend voters homes or the nursing home to assist voters in preparing the EL15 Form to be added to the Voter's List.

3. The Clerk ensured the Voter's List was prepared with a large font for ease of reading and Staff were always available to assist Voter's in locating their name and address on the Voter's List.
4. The Clerk attended All Candidates Meetings at Blue Mountain Resort and the Beaver Valley Community Centre to allow Voter's to attend other locations to check the Voter's List for the duration of the 2010 Municipal Election.
5. The Voter's List was available on the Town's website to allow voters to confirm their name was on the Voter's List. The Clerk opened the Town Office two Saturdays prior to the Municipal Election to allow Voter's to attend the office to confirm their name was on the Voter's List.
6. The ballots and all other printed material for the 2010 Election were printed with a minimum of 12 point font. No issues were identified regarding persons who are visually impaired.

#### **C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

Goal Providing a strong, well managed municipal government.

#### **D. Environmental Impacts**

None

#### **E. Budget Impact**

None

#### **F. Attached**

None

Respectfully submitted,

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