

Township of LaVallee
Accessibility Initiatives Undertaken for 2018 Municipal Election

The Township of LaVallee provided a polling station within the Municipal Office. This facility provides easy access at ground level. A buzzer system is available at the outside of the building beside the door for anyone requiring assistance to open the door. In the event that an elector was not able to come into the polling station, the election staff would have gone to the person in their vehicle to allow them to vote.

Candidates and staff were all provided with information on accessible customer service. Election staff was very supportive to the electors. Sheila Carmody and Tracy Hyatt, the election workers, have had prior training in elections.

Ballots were in large font with a contrasting background. Directive posters placed in the voting booths were also in large bold print with a contrasting background. A magnifier was available to assist anyone with visual impairments.

The voting location provided ample room for voters to maneuver with or without a wheelchair. Voting booths provided a table and chair was available for voters to sit down. Excellent lighting assisted those with visual impairments. Appropriate signage was posted.

The Corporation of the Township of LaVallee adopted a policy regarding Accessibility Standards for Customer Service on November 17, 2009. This policy established policies, practices and procedures to govern the provision of services to persons with disabilities. This policy permits service animals and support persons in the voting location. This policy also established a feedback process to identify any potential barriers.

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Clerk/Treasurer
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