

Background

The 2018 Municipal and School Board Election is quickly approaching and Election Day will occur on October 22nd, 2018. In May of 2017, Council approved electronic voting as the sole method of vote for the 2018 election. This method not only provides electors with a reliable and convenient way to exercise their right to vote but it also provides electors with disabilities the ability to cast their vote independently using their own assistive technologies.

While it is expected that most electors will vote from the comfort of their homes the City will nonetheless provide voting locations throughout the City for persons who may not have a mobile device or a computer or for those persons that may require assistance with the voting process. It is further acknowledged that some persons may not wish to attend at a voting location and they may instead wish to access a mobile device or computer at the home of a friend or relative.

As a way to further engage the public, to increase the accessibility of the process and encourage electors to exercise their right to vote, staff recommend that public transit be provided at no charge for electors going or returning from voting on a Municipal Election Day. The costs of this initiative are expected to be relatively low and would be funded from the Election Reserve Account.

References

Report presented to Council one May 30, 2017 entitled "Method of Vote During the 2018 Municipal and School Board Election"

<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=22&id=1128>