




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	July 27, 2022
SUBJECT:	2022 Municipal Election Poll Locations
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Andrea Holland City Clerk
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To ensure that eligible voters are informed and prepared for the 2022 Municipal Election on October 24, 2022, the Office of the City Clerk is releasing information on voting opportunities and poll locations to the community and candidates.

For the 2022 Municipal Election, all eligible electors will have an opportunity to cast their ballot at accessible and welcoming polls on the following dates and times:

Advance Poll Dates:

- Friday, October 7, 2022 10:00am – 8:00pm
- Saturday, October 8, 2022 10:00am – 5:00pm
- Friday, October 14, 2022 10:00am – 8:00pm
- Saturday, October 15, 2022 10:00am – 5:00pm

Election Day:

- Monday, October 24, 2022 10:00am – 8:00pm

A full list of poll locations for advance polls and election day polls is now available on www.hamilton.ca/elections.

In addition to the Advance Poll dates and the polls on Election Day, the City will be providing the following additional voting opportunities:

Ballot on Demand Polls at Post-Secondary Institutions:

- The Elections Team has been engaging with Post-Secondary Institutions in our community to provide an opportunity for students to receive and cast a ballot on

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campus for the ward where they reside.

- Ballot on Demand Polls will be available for students on October 18, 2022 at McMaster University, Mohawk College, and Redeemer University.

Ballot on Demand Polls at Drop in Shelter Locations

- The City has been engaging with local organizations to understand barriers to voting for individuals experiencing homelessness and those living in shelters.
- To provide opportunity for voting, Polls will be set up on October 21, 2022 at Men's and Women's drop-in shelter locations for Electors in these locations to cast a ballot.
- The Elections team is working with local organizations to finalize Poll locations for these sites.

Ballot on Demand Poll at the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre

- The Elections Team is engaging with the Indigenous Community to listen and learn about past experiences and historical barriers related to the electoral process.
- We are pleased to have been invited to hold a municipal election poll at the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre on October 21, 2022.
- This poll presents an opportunity for Indigenous Electors who wish to cast a ballot to do so in a welcoming setting.

Institutional Polls

- In alignment with section 45(7) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, on Voting Day, a voting place will be provided on premises of the following:
 - An institution for the reception, treatment or vocational training of members or former members of the Canadian Forces
 - An institution in which, on September 1, 2022, 20 or more beds are occupied by persons who are disabled, chronically ill or infirm
 - A retirement home in which, on September 1, 2022, 50 or more beds are occupied
- A list of Institutional Polls will be shared by September 1, 2022 following receipt of the information from MPAC.

Legacy Special Advance Polls

- The City has traditionally held special Advance Polls at sites across the city that fall short of meeting the criteria for an Institutional Poll in the Municipal Elections Act.
- For the 2022 Municipal Election, the City will be setting up 20 Legacy Special Advance Polls. Polls will be held on October 11 and 12, 2022 at locations throughout the city. A finalized list of sites will be released as soon as possible.

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Information on poll locations, including selection criteria, is available online at www.hamilton.ca/elections

For any questions related to the 2022 Municipal Election, please email elections@hamilton.ca or call 905-546-4365.

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