



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 19, 2019

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** September 18, 2019
From: Councillor Potts and Councillor Loveday
Subject: Accessible Voting

BACKGROUND

The Accessibility Working Group currently operates without a direct path for their recommendations to be considered by Council other than through Council Member Motions brought forward by the Accessibility Working Group's Council liaisons.

The following recommendation was passed by the Accessibility Working Group and is being brought forward by the Accessibility Working Group's Council liaisons for Council's consideration. It is recommended that Council receive and consider this recommendation at this time in light of a the potential for a municipal by-election.

Accessible voting machines allow those who would otherwise need assistance to cast a private and independent ballot at the polls.

The machine often features:

- Sip-and-puff-, paddle- or other accessibility devices
- Audio instructions and braille markings on paddles and buttons
- Large print or high colour contrast
- Audio and written ballot marking instructions

RECOMMENDATIONS

AWG recommends that Council direct staff to:

Make an accessible voting machine available for the next municipal election or by-election on polling day and that it be located at City Hall or another equally central polling location;

Widely publicize these accessibility options well in advance of polling day.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah Potts

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Jeremy Loveday