

Vote from Home Service Pilot for the 2022 Municipal Election - 2021-170

General Correspondence – Revised Agenda

Hello!

My name is Jacob Barrick. I live in Guelph and I think accessibility is a very important issue. I've been informed of the electronic marking system that is being proposed and I support this. I would like to see this option offered in the 2022 municipal election. Everyone deserves to be able to vote and they should not have to rely on others to mark their ballot for them. If Guelph aims to be a progressive and inclusive city, then accessible voting options that work for everyone need to be offered.

Blind people and others who use screen readers and assistive tech should be afforded the same democratic rights as the rest of us. It is not acceptable to leave these people out of the elections process any longer.

Please consider implementing an electronic ballot marking system for the 2022 election. The existing options are not enough to support the needs of all of Guelph's citizens. Electronic ballot marketing needs to be offered. We have the ability to make sure that everyone has a method of having their voice heard.

Access is love!

Thank you for your time,
Jacob Barrick

Hi, my name is Pepper and I live in Guelph. I am a disabled autistic person and I am writing to strongly voice my support for the electronic ballot marking option that is being considered.

The right to vote is the pillar upon which democracy is built, and the highest priority of any fair electoral process should be to make sure that everyone has the chance to. Electronic ballot marking is an important way for people with disabilities to have their voices heard.

There are people very close to me who need to use screen readers, and I do not feel that having someone else mark their ballot for them is an appropriate substitute. If this technology exists and is being used successfully in other places around the world, there is no reason why we cannot use it to increase access to autonomous voting for everyone.

Please strongly consider showing that Guelph is committed to an inclusive democracy by implementing the use of electronic ballot marking in the 2022 municipal election.

Pepper Rose

I strongly support this accessible voting option for the upcoming Municipal election.

I feel that it is time to take action on this issue. Guelph is progressive and forward thinking , I believe that Guelph could lead the way and be an excellent example to other cities in accessible voting. This is not on-line voting, but an electronic ballot marking system.

Everyone has the right to vote independently. Every Guelphite deserves to have a voice in society.

If the City of Guelph really wants to be inclusive and open barriers that exist for the people living with disabilities, I hope that you will vote for electronic ballot marking and make elections in Guelph accessible for everyone.

Velma Rabey

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