

2026 Election – Alternative Voting Methods and Accessible Service Enhancements

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Agenda / Overview

- AAC engagement road map
 - City Clerk's Office recommendation
 - Next steps
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AAC Engagement Road Map

April 2023: Discussion and feedback on all alternative methods and accessible service enhancements (options) to be researched.

August 2023: Presentation of research findings and decision-making criteria for all options.

October 2023: Initial workshop time with the AAC to engage and receive feedback on all options.

November 2023: Re-scheduled workshop with the AAC to engage and receive feedback on all options.

December 2023: Presentation of findings and feedback received from the AAC following the workshop. Staff received AAC motion with final recommendations to Staff and Council.

February 2024: Staff present recommendation to AAC



How We Got to the Recommendation

Process

- Five meetings with AAC
- Engagement with comparator municipalities
- Engagement with stakeholders

Considerations


- Risk analysis
 - Principles of the Municipal Elections Act
 - Budget
 - Staffing capacity
 - Verifiability
 - Reliability
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City Clerk's Office Draft Motion

Proposed methods of voting are in-person voting with voting enhancement options on election day. Vote by Mail and Vote from Home leading up to election day.

Next Steps

- City Clerk's Office to write May report to council
- City Clerk's Office request that AAC Chair present with us in May
- City Clerk's Office committed to continue to discuss voting enhancements at AAC meetings
- Increase communication in 2026



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