

To whom it may concern,

Hello, I write to you today to express my support as a disabled person for the use of online voting. I live in KW, outside of Guelph, but wanted to share my experiences, in hopes that it provides valuable context of why accessible voting options are not only needed, but are a right.

I hope that Guelph seriously considers the issue, and the benefits that providing accessible voting through online voting can make, both for individuals but also for communities as a whole and voter turn out. As someone who lives on a limited income, and am unable to drive, online voting means I get my say. I get the opportunity to exercise my right as a Canadian to vote in elections. It is not only a right, but our civil duty to vote in elections, and I take that duty seriously.

Considering voter turn out has been decreasing each election, having sustainable and accessible options, like online voting are crucial to raise the turn out level. Remember, you can't vote if you can't get there.

So much of our world now is online, from communicating, to banking and bills, to education. Having the option to vote online makes sense in our increasingly technology based society.

Also online voting is a great tool for ablebodied folks as well, avoiding line ups, having to take time away from work or family, when they could benefit also from ability to vote online in a matter of minutes.

Also online voting is a tool to be environmentally conscious and friendly as well. With the ability to vote online, it is unnecessary to drive to a polling station, and cuts down on our carbon footprints. It's a green option.

I have used online voting, in my region, it was quick, easy, straightforward, and importantly it was secure. It enabled me to exercise my duty and my right and I am grateful for that opportunity. I hope that Guelph will provide its residents with that equity based opportunity as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue,
Brenna Wilson