

# Local Government and Rural District Advisory Committee Elections

*November 28, 2022*



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# Message from the Chief Electoral Officer

Next month, the majority of New Brunswickers will go to the polls to vote in local government elections taking place on November 28, 2022. While municipal elections normally take place every four years in May, these elections are the result of a significant undertaking by the Department of Environment and Local Government to restructure and reduce the number of municipal entities that exist in the Province.

In some cases, people will be voting in first elections for new communities created by mergers and annexations. Others will be voting in by-elections as they join an existing community; while still others who will continue to live in unincorporated areas of the Province will vote to elect new rural district advisory committees.

In all instances, these elections offer residents of these communities the opportunity to have a say in whom they wish to be their voice on these local governments. In fact, some of you living in these new local governments may choose to offer as a candidate in order to play a direct role in the decision-making processes that affect you, your family, and your neighbours.

For those of you who may be considering running as a candidate, you will find helpful information on the process involved and the rules that exist for candidates on our website: [electionsnb.ca](https://electionsnb.ca). The close of nominations is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28.

I strongly encourage you to read through this publication to learn more details on the elections that will be taking place, and on the voting options that will be available when the time comes for you to cast your ballot.

Kim Poffenroth  
Chief Electoral Officer

# When Can I Vote?

Electors are encouraged to consider voting during the two days of advance voting to avoid line ups on Election Day.

**Advance Voting: Saturday, November 19, and Monday, November 21**

**Election Day: Monday, November 28**

All polling locations are open between **10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

Voter Information Cards will begin arriving in voters' mailboxes starting **November 14, 2022.**

Electors may also avoid line ups on Election Day by voting at any returning office in the Province. Returning offices are open **Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., and from 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.**

VOTING AT RETURNING OFFICES WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE STARTING **Monday, November 7, 2022.**

## Voting by Mail

Electors can apply to have a ballot mailed to them. Electors must complete an application and send it with their signature to their returning office before a ballot can be sent to them. An elector's application cannot be signed by a family member. Electors are responsible for making sure their ballot gets returned to the issuing returning office before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, and at their own expense. **Ballots that arrive after this time cannot be counted.**

Note: Electors can apply to vote by mail once the election begins on **October 11, 2022.** However, vote-by-mail packages will only be sent to electors after printed ballots are available (**after November 7**).

Applications for a special ballot are available on the Elections New Brunswick website: [www.electionsnb.ca](http://www.electionsnb.ca). Please contact your local returning office for more information.

## Special Ballots

Special ballots are the means by which electors can cast a ballot if they choose not to or are unable to vote during advance voting or on Election Day.

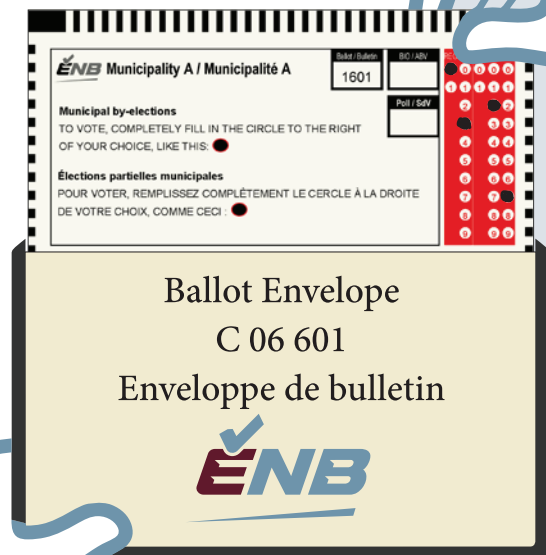
An elector can also use a special ballot to vote at any returning office in the province for the contests for which they are eligible to vote.

Special ballots are also used for electors who are in nursing homes, special care homes, federal or provincial correctional facilities, or are patients in the hospital, and for electors who are unable to leave their homes because of illness or incapacity.

**Special ballots are available at each returning office starting on Monday, November 7, 2022.**

### November – Election Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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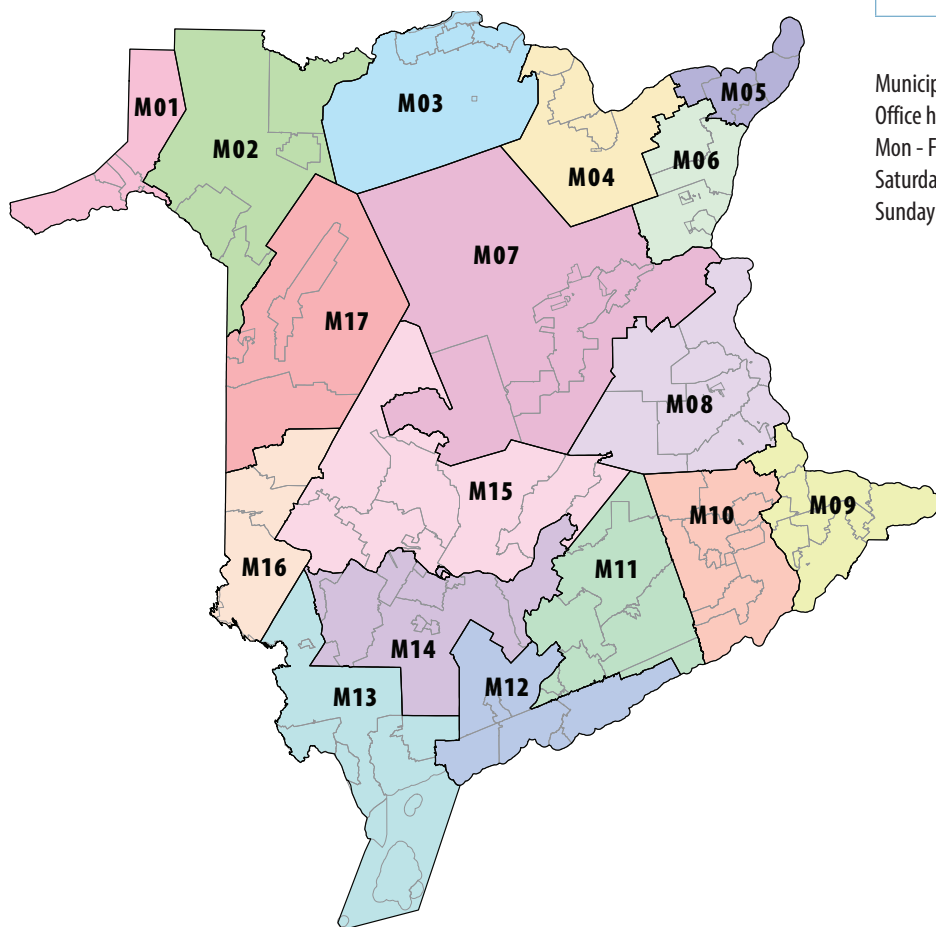
The health and safety of electors remain our priority. We will continue to follow public health guidelines in place at the time of the elections to ensure voting is safe for everyone. All election officials working at polling stations are vaccinated, to reduce their risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.



# Municipal Regions and Municipal Returning Officers

Region	Municipal Returning Officer (MRO)	MRO Office Addresses	MRO Phone #
M 01	Denise Emond-Gendron	145 rue Rice, Edmundston, Paroisse Immaculée Conception	1-866-994-5055
M 02	Carole Caron	455 Route 255, St-André, Centre Récréatif de St-André	1-877-884-4540
M 03	Richard Ayles	8 Adam Street, Campbellton, Masonic Lodge #32	1-888-361-0333
M 04	Nancy Jubinville-Guerette	1300 St Peter Ave, Bathurst, Place Bathurst Mall	1-877-830-5605
M 05	Delcia Cool	229-6 Blvd. J.D. Gauthier, Shippagan, Carrefour Shippagan	1-877-830-5603
M 06	Pierre Brideau	399-106 rue du Couvent, Tracadie Les Anciens et Amis de l'Académie Ste-Famille Inc.	1-877-886-8483
M 07	Cyril Donahue	150 Pleasant Street, Miramichi	1-888-651-9791
M 08	Bernice Williams	4556, rue Principale, suite 200, St-Antoine	1-877-504-0023

Region	Municipal Returning Officer (MRO)	MRO Office Addresses	MRO Phone #
M 09	Paul-Émile Mallet	468 Route 530, Grand Digue, Notre Centre	1-877-830-5601
M 10	Tanya Cooper	720 Coverdale Road Unit 120, Riverview	1-888-356-1555
M 11	Terri Mason	58 Willow Court, Sussex, Sussex Lions Club	1-877-884-4563
M 12	Terry Totten	199 Chesley Dr., Suite 101, Saint John, Linden Place	1-888-651-9789
M 13	James Higgins	146 Route 170 Dufferin (former Kent Building Supplies)	1-877-886-8482
M 14	Patti Nason	2339 Route 102, Lincoln, Lincoln Lions Community Centre	1-877-886-8480
M 15	Blake Kennedy	495 Prospect Street, Unit 200, Fredericton	1-877-907-9625
M 16	Eleanor Leonard	267 Connell Street, Woodstock	1-877-907-9626
M 17	Lori Ann Tweedie	540 Route 190, Carlingford, Negotkuk Truck Stop	1-877-907-9627



Municipal Returning Offices will open to the public on **Tuesday October 11, 2022**

Office hours are:

Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday - closed

# Notice of Elections

## *(Municipal Elections Act, S.N.B. 1979, c.M-21.01, s.15)*

In accordance with provisions set out in *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform*, S.N.B. 2021, c.44, first elections and by-elections for restructured local governments, first elections for rural district advisory committees, and by-elections for local governments not impacted by restructuring will be held throughout the province on Monday, November 28, 2022, for the positions listed in this publication.

Nominations for all positions must be submitted to the office of the Municipal Returning Officer for the appropriate municipal region at the addresses listed before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2022.

Each municipal returning office is open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Nomination papers are available at your municipal returning office or they can be printed from our website: [www.electionsnb.ca](http://www.electionsnb.ca).

If you need to add your name to or correct or update your personal information on the register of electors, you may contact the municipal returning office or you can make the change when you go to the polls to vote. You can also call Elections NB to update your personal information.

Everyone who is on the voters list will be mailed a Voter Information Card before the election, telling them the address of their polling station, as well as the dates and times of advance and ordinary polling.

**1-888-858-VOTE (8683)**

**Fax: 1-506-457-4926**

**[info@electionsnb.ca](mailto:info@electionsnb.ca) | [www.electionsnb.ca](http://www.electionsnb.ca)**

**Kimberly A. Poffenroth, Chief Electoral Officer**



# Positions to Elect

As a result of the local governance reform initiative, elections will be held across the Province on November 28, 2022. First elections will be held in some local governments to elect entirely new councils, while in other local governments, by-elections will be held to fill new council

positions created during the local governance reform process. In addition, first elections will be held in 12 newly created rural districts to elect members to their rural district advisory committee.

## First Elections

Local Government Name	Mayors to Elect	Councillors at Large to Elect	Ward Councillors
Alnwick	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1
Arcadia	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1
Baie-des-Hérons/ Heron Bay	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 2 Ward 3 - Elect 2
Beaurivage	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1
Beausoleil	1	3	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1
Belle-Baie	1	3	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1
Bois-Joli	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 2
Butternut Valley	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1
Campbellton	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 2 Ward 3 - Elect 2 Ward 4 - Elect 5
Cap-Acadie	1	8	0

Local Government Name	Mayors to Elect	Councillors at Large to Elect	Ward Councillors
Caraquet	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 4 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 2
District of Carleton North	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1
Central York	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1 Ward 7 - Elect 1
Champdoré	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 3 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 2 Ward 4 - Elect 1
Doaktown	1	5	0
Eastern Charlotte	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1
Five Rivers	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1
Fundy Albert	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1
Fundy Shores	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1



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Fundy-St. Martins	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 3 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1
Grand Lake	1	1	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 3 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 2
Grand-Bouctouche	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 2 Ward 3 - Elect 2
Grand-Sault/Grand Falls	1	0	Ward 1 - Saint-André - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Portage - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Grand Falls South - Elect 2 Ward 4 - Grand Falls North - Elect 2 Ward 5 - Drummond - Elect 2
Hampton	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 2 Ward 3 - Elect 1
Hartland	1	3	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1
Harvey	1	1	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1
Hautes-Terres	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1
Haut-Madawaska	1	0	Ward 1 - Saint-François - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Lac-Baker - Elect 2 Ward 3 - Clair - Elect 2 Ward 4 - Baker-Brook - Elect 2 Ward 5 - Saint-Hilaire - Elect 2
Île-de-Lamèque	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1 Ward 7 - Elect 1
Lakeland Ridges	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 2 Ward 3 - Elect 2 Ward 4 - Elect 2
Maple Hills	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1

Local Government Name	Mayors to Elect	Councillors at Large to Elect	Ward Councillors
Miramichi River Valley	1	3	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1
Nackawic-Millville	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 2 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1
Nashwaak	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1 Ward 7 - Elect 1
Nouvelle-Arcadie	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 2 Ward 4 - Elect 1
Rivière-du-Nord	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1
Saint-Quentin	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 3 Ward 2 - Elect 3
Salisbury	1	1	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 3 Ward 4 - Elect 1
Shippagan	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1
Southern Victoria	1	1	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 3 Ward 3 - Elect 1
Municipal District of St. Stephen	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 4 Ward 3 - Elect 2
Strait Shores	1	4	0
Sunbury-York South	1	2	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 3
Sussex	1	3	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 2

Local Government Name	Mayors to Elect	Councillors at Large to Elect	Ward Councillors
Tantramar	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 4 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1
Three Rivers	1	1	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1
Tobique Valley	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 3 Ward 3 - Elect 1
Vallée-des-Rivières	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 2 Ward 3 - Elect 2 Ward 4 - Elect 2
Valley Waters	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 2 Ward 4 - Elect 2
Woodstock	1	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 4 Ward 5 - Elect 1

## By-elections

Local Government Name	Mayors to Election	Councillors at Large to Elect	Ward Councillors
Bathurst	0	0	Ward 2 - Elect 2
Edmundston	0	0	Ward 5 - Elect 2
Grand Bay-Westfield	0	0	Ward 2 - Elect 1
Hanwell	0	0	Ward 5 - Elect 1 Ward 6 - Elect 1
Kedgwick	0	0	Ward - 5 - Elect 1
Oromocto	0	0	Ward 2 - Elect 1 (existing vacancy) Ward 4 - Lincoln - Elect 2
Saint Andrews	0	0	Ward 1 - Bayside - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Chamcook - Elect 2
Shediac	0	0	Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1 Ward 4 - Elect 1 Ward 5 - Elect 1
Tracadie	0	0	Ward 7 - Elect 1 (existing vacancy)





## Rural District First Elections

Rural District Name	Members at Large	Ward Members
Acadian Peninsula Rural District	3	0
Capital Region Rural District	0	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 4
Chaleur Rural District	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1
Fundy Rural District	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 2 Ward 3 - Elect 1
Greater Miramichi Rural District	1	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1
Kent Rural District	0	Ward 1 - Elect 2 Ward 2 - Elect 1

Rural District Name	Members at Large	Ward Members
Kings Rural District	1	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1
Northwest Rural District	1	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1
Restigouche Rural District	1	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1
Southeast Rural District	3	0
Southwest Rural District	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 2 - Elect 1 Ward 3 - Elect 1
Western Valley Rural District	0	Ward 1 - Elect 1 Ward 1 - Elect 2

## Elections will not be held on November 28, 2022, in the following communities

Belledune  
Campobello Island  
Dieppe

Fredericton  
Fredericton Junction  
Grand Manan

McAdam  
Memramcook  
Miramichi

Moncton  
Neguac  
New Maryland

Quispamsis  
Riverview  
Rothesay

Saint John  
Tracy  
Upper Miramichi

# Roles & Responsibilities of Elected Members

## What do members of a local government council do?

- Represent the people in their community/ward.
- Attend regular and special meetings of council, provide oversight, and set the overall direction for the community.
- Participate in preparation of annual budgets and provide input on development plans and by-laws.
- Local government councils do not get involved in the day-to-day operations and administration of their community.
- The number of meetings held by a local government council is outlined in the communities' procedural by-laws, as is the remuneration for the mayor and councillors.

## What do rural district advisory committee members do?

- Serve as the locally elected representatives for the constituents of the rural district;
- Build and sustain an effective working relationship with various stakeholders and partners to:
  - Support the preparation of an annual budget and establishment of the rural district tax rates;
  - Advise on services of the rural district;
  - Advise on community planning matters, at the Minister's request;
- Organize and/or chair advisory committee meetings as required, as well as other community meetings announced by the Minister.
- The committee will hold at least four meetings per year, and members will be paid for their work.
- The Minister will retain the final authority for decision-making in rural districts, but the chair and elected councillors will play an important advisory role to the Minister.

# Voting in Long-Term Care Facilities

With the relaxing of public health restrictions in the Province, we plan to bring back in-person voting at long-term care facilities in New Brunswick. This includes nursing homes, special care homes and other treatment centers.

We understand how important it is to residents of long-term care facilities to have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. We also believe that they prefer using the traditional method of in-person voting with which they are most familiar.

We will return to in-person voting in long-term care facilities by setting up additional polls in the weeks before Election Day. These polls will be conducted with the safety of all residents as our top priority.

All election officials conducting voting in long-term care facilities will be fully vaccinated and will be required to wear a mask during their visits to a facility. Special plastic barriers will be used to separate the residents from our election workers in order to provide an extra layer of protection to the voters. Our election officials will follow all additional safety requirements requested by a facility.

If access to long-term care facilities is more restrictive and we are unable to conduct in-person voting in these facilities, the local returning officer will work with individual administrators and operators to arrange for an alternative method to ensure residents can exercise their right to vote. This may involve coordinating the use of mail-in-ballots.

## Accessibility

Elections NB strives to ensure that the buildings it uses during elections are accessible and can accommodate the needs of voters with various challenges. We provide various supports at our municipal returning offices and at the polling stations to assist and encourage electors with special needs to vote.

We have a number of technical solutions that provide additional voting options.

Tools for accommodation include:

- Audio-Vote with Braille, paddle and sip & puff options (available only at municipal returning offices);
- Sign language interpretation (by appointment);
- Curbside voting; and
- Magnifiers.

