



Staff Report

Report Title: Township of Huron-Kinloss Post 2022 Election

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Department: Clerk

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Attachments: Official Results 2022 Township of Huron-Kinloss Municipal and School Board Election with additional Statistics

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2022-11-96 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk.

Background:

The 2022 Township of Huron-Kinloss Municipal and School Board Election was held on October 24, 2022.

The 2022 Municipal Election included:

Mayor (1)
Deputy Mayor (1)
Councillors (5)

The 2022 School Board Election included:

Bluewater District School Board – (1) to be elected
Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board – (1) to be elected
Conseil scolaire Viamonde (French-Language Public) (1) to be elected
Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence (French-Language Separate) (1) to be elected

There were thirteen (13) certified municipal candidates and eight (8) certified school board candidates.

Mayor (3)
Deputy Mayor (2)
Councillor (8)
Bluewater District School Board (2)

Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board (2)
Conseil scolaire Viamonde (French-Language Public) (2)
Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence (French-Language Separate) (2)

All property owners choose the board they support through MPAC and the information was reflected on their voter information card.

The Clerk of the municipality with the largest number of eligible voters in our district is responsible for receiving the nominations for the associated school board election.

The 2022 Municipal and School Board Election was held using an alternate voting method, telephone and internet. The election provider was Simply Voting.

The election was administered in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 ("MEA") and the Township of Huron-Kinloss Municipal Election procedures. The principles of the MEA guide the work when conducting an election.

These principles state that:

- The secrecy and confidentiality of the voting process is paramount
- The election shall be fair and non-biased
- The election shall be accessible to the voters
- The integrity of the voting process shall be maintained throughout the election
- There is to be certainty that the results of the election reflect the votes cast
- Voters and candidates shall be treated fairly and consistently

Discussion:

2022 Township of Huron-Kinloss Municipal Election Results

Office	Elected Candidate
Mayor	Don MURRAY
Deputy Mayor	James HANNA
Councillor	Carl SLOETJES
Councillor	Ed MCGUGAN
Councillor	Scott GIBSON
Councillor	Shari FLETT
Councillor	Larry ALLISON

Trustee – Bluewater District School Board -Jan Johnstone

Trustee – Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board Lori Di Castri

Conseil scolaire Viamonde (French-Language Public) – Eric Lapointe

Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence (French-Language Separate) *not available at time of drafting report*

Voter Participation

The total voter participation was **40.9 %** This is an increase from 2018 at 39%, the 2014 election had a total voter participation of 33%, 2010 voter turn-out 34.5%, 2006 45% and 2003 53%.

Breakout by Location

Ward	Location	Count	Voted	Turnout
00	Kinloss	1,003	393	39.18%
00	Lucknow	936	368	39.32%
00	Huron Twp	676	340	50.30%
00	Ripley	543	291	53.59%
00	Point Clark / Lurgan	2,703	945	34.96%
00	Lakeshore	1,546	691	44.70%
Total		7,407	3,028	40.88%

Please note the location statistics are approximate and can vary depending on the information provided to MPAC.

Voter Participation Comparison

Township of Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh – 40.6%

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie 46.6%

Municipality of Brockton 35.4%

Municipality of Kincardine 45.1%

Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula 37.3%

Township of North Huron- 45.9%

Town of South Bruce Peninsula 42.5%

Municipality of South Bruce 59.3%

As of October 27, 2022, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario [reported](#) a provincial average voter turnout of 34% with 217 municipalities using internet/and/or phone combined method.

Additional Statistics (details attached)

84% of voters used the internet, 3.9% used the Kiosk at the Voter Help Centre and 11.6% used the telephone.

Electors aged 75-84 (54.1%) are reported as largest demographic to cast a ballot using the electronic method, yet the younger generation 25-34 (24.8%) shows the lowest percentage of eligible voters exercising their right to vote.

The largest number of ballots cast were on election day, October 24, 2022 after 12pm followed by the opening day of the election period of October 17, 2022 beginning at 8:30am to noon.

Voter Help Centre

The Voter Help Center located in Council Chambers was open from October 17 to October 24, 2022. Electors were able to come in personally or contact staff by a separate election telephone line. The majority of concerns included:

- Voter information letters, either not received lost or misplaced;
- Missing or incomplete information on the Voters List;
- Using a search function instead of the top address bar for internet voting.
- The majority of the issues were resolved over the phone or by the elector coming to the Help Centre.

Voter Information Letters (VIL) were mailed out from the election provider on September 19, 2022. At the time of writing the report a total of 168 (1.8%) VIL's were returned as undeliverable due to a move or invalid mailing address. 60 were checked against roll information and re-mailed to the elector. With the remaining not having updated mailing information or due to timing not able to re-mail.

Financial Impacts:

All associated expenses are included in the 2022 Election Budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Emily Dance, Clerk

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer