

## CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

# Voters Guide to Accessible Municipal Elections 2018

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**Voting Day will be:** **Monday, October 22, 2018.**  
Calvin Community Centre  
Voting Hours are **10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Advance Polls will be:** **Tuesday, October 2, 2018.**  
Calvin Community Centre  
**Noon to 6:00 p.m.**  
And Saturday October 13, 2018  
Calvin Community Centre  
**Noon to 5:00 p.m.**

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## *Voting Traditionally – at the Voting Place*

### ***Getting to the Voting Location***

- You will find two (2) accessible parking spaces at the main entrance of the voting location. These are clearly marked with the International symbol of Accessibility and are positioned directly beside the west side rear door to the Community Centre.

### ***Getting into the Voting Location***

- An easily navigable route will be clearly marked for entry into the voting location and into the voting area within the location.
- An assistant is available to be on hand should you require assistance getting in, out or around the voting place. Please contact the Clerk's office at 705-744-2700 between the hours of Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., prior to the time and date you wish to vote, should you require assistance of this nature. Election staff will gladly take your information and pre-arrange this for you.
- All voting takes place on one main floor with easy access to the building. No elevator is required.

### ***Inside the Voting Location***

- Seating areas are provided throughout the voting location for electors needing a rest.
- Voting booths shall be placed on tables. Election staff are available if you require any assistance in reaching the voting booth.
- If you require ballots in accessible format (Braille or large print) please notify the election staff by Monday September 24, 2018 and this service shall be provided for you on Voting Day.
- If you are bringing a support person to help you, please identify them to the election staff when you register at the voting place. Your support person may be required to take an Oath in order to assist you to vote in a secure manner.
- If you are bringing a service animal with you, please remember to bring documentation to confirm its service animal status if this is not readily apparent.

## ***Voting***

Your municipality uses the Paper Ballot method of voting. Please read the information below to see how this voting method works!

# ***Paper Ballot***

This system employs paper ballots on which the names of all candidates are printed. Voters record their choice/s by marking the boxes as instructed, next to the candidate/s they select and then the voted ballot is dropped into a sealed ballot box. This method allows the use of various means (magnifying glass, large print, Braille) to read the text and allows improved accessibility for disabled voters.

When you come in to vote, you will be asked to provide your name and appropriate identification.

Acceptable pieces of identification include:

- **Preferred identification** – Government issued identification or form that contains the name and qualifying address, e.g. driver's license
- Municipal property tax bill with your name and qualifying address

Once your identity has been confirmed and the offices that you are entitled to vote for are determined, you will be provided with a ballot(s). Your ballot(s) identify the office(s) for which you are entitled to vote. If you require ballots in accessible format (braille, large print) please notify the election staff in advance (by September 24, 2018) by telephone to the Clerk's office at 705-744-2700, from Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Proceed to the voting booth and mark your ballot with the pen/pencil provided, as shown on the signage at the booth. If required, large print and braille instructions will also be available. Magnifying sheets are also available. In order to ensure your vote remains secret, fold your ballot, as shown on the signage/reverse of the ballot, and return to the election staff desk before it is deposited into the ballot box. Should you have difficulties in folding your ballot, you may return it to the DRO, face down, and the DRO shall fold the ballot for you in such a manner as to not disclose your vote.

All election staff at each voting location shall be trained on any assistive voting devices and shall have taken an Oath of Secrecy. At any time during your voting experience, an election official will be available to assist you where necessary.

## **What happens to your vote?**

- Upon close of voting, the ballots at each voting location will be tallied. The voting results will then be combined and tabulated to produce the final results for the election for each office.

**Should you have any questions or require further information regarding Accessible Voting, please contact the Clerk's office by phone at 705-744-2700, by fax at 705-744-0309 or by email: [clerk@calvintownship.ca](mailto:clerk@calvintownship.ca) during regular office hours. (Mon – Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)**

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