Elections Ontario

2025 General Election

Returning Officer's Report on Accessibility for Electors with Disabilities (F0247)

Electoral District (required): Nickel Belt 071

Returning Officer (required): Pauline Renaud

The Returning Officer (RO) is legally required, pursuant to subsection 55.1 (1) of the*Election Act,* to prepare a report on the measures that were taken to provide accessibility for electors with disabilities in their electoral district. This report is to be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer on the day after polling day (**Day +1**) and will be posted on the Elections Ontario website, pursuant to section 55.1 (2) of the*Election Act.*

1. Accessibility Training

Were all poll officials and staff in your electoral district trained to deliver services in an accessible manner as per the*Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* ? Staff includes those at the returning office, training and logistics office, and satellite office (if applicable).

Yes

2. Materials

Elections Ontario provides materials to help poll officials assist electors with disabilities. Materials include the Language Guide, Braille householder, voting devices (e.g. magnifiers and Braille ballot templates), directional arrows and **Notice of Disruption (F0248)** forms. **Revision to the List of Electors (F0520)** forms are also available for electors who would like to transfer to a more accessible voting location.

Did your poll officials receive these materials and make them available to electors? (required)

Yes

3. Special Ballot Voting Options

Elections Ontario provides electors with the opportunity to vote from their home, long term care facility or hospital (during a general election only). Poll officials provide additional support to assist electors by reading candidates' names, completing the **Special Ballot Application (F1001)** form or assisting in marking the ballot.

Indicate the number of home visits conducted in your electoral district (required):

59

Indicate the number of hospital visits conducted in your electoral district (general election only):

0

Did your staff provide additional assistance to electors voting by special ballot, either at the returning office or during a home or hospital visit? (required)

Yes

4. Other Voting Options

How many electors used the assistive voting technology (AVT)? (required)

0

How many electors with disabilities requested a transfer to another voting location? (required)

0

5. Personnel

How many staff did you employ who self-identified as having a disability? (required)

7

How many staff did you employ that required an accommodation to perform their job? (required)

2

6. Accessible Voting Locations

Elections Ontario ensures that all voting locations meet our Site Accessibility Standards and comply with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.* In some cases, facilities cannot be found within a geographical location that meet these standards, and exemptions or remediations are necessary.

How many voting locations did you have in total for (required):

a) Advance polls: 11

b) Polling day: 36

Of your total voting locations, how many met the Site Accessibility Standards **without** remediations for (required):

a) Advance polls: 10

b) Polling day: 19

Of your total voting locations, how many met the Site Accessibility Standards **with** remediations for (required):

a) Advance polls: 1

b) Polling day: 16

Of your total voting locations, how many required exemptions for (required):

a) Advance polls: 0

b) Polling day: 1

7. Notice of Service Disruption at Voting Locations

During an election, events can occur (e.g. construction, road closures, etc.) that disrupt service and the Returning Officer must make alternate arrangements.

How many voting locations experienced a service disruption? (required)

0

If you experienced service disruptions, did you post the **Notice of Disruption (F0248)** form at the voting location(s)?

Select your response

8. Additional Comments

Please include any feedback received about the accessible services that were provided by you or your staff in your electoral district. This information will be published on the Elections Ontario website.