

Appendix B

Case study #1: Elections Ontario processes



Evidence #1: Ontario's *Election Finances Act*

There are rules that carefully govern financial activities in Ontario and interactions between political entities (i.e. political party, political candidate) and individuals or organizations. Contributions can only be made by eligible individuals.

- Donations from corporations, trade unions, registered charities, unincorporated associations and groups, are not permitted.
- The source of donations or contributions cannot be from outside of Ontario.
- For monetary contributions, individual donors must use their own money, and their contributions are subject to strict limits. In 2022, that limit was \$3,325.
- For any contribution of greater than \$200, Elections Ontario will publish the donor's name and contribution amount. Political entities cannot accept anonymous donations.



Evidence #2: *French Language Services Act*

The *French Language Services Act* (FLSA) ensures that provincial government services are offered in French in 26 designated areas across the province with significant numbers of francophone residents. In addition, the FLSA guarantees individuals in these designated areas of the province the right to local French services from the provincial government. Elections Ontario (EO) recognizes its responsibility under the FLSA to provide French language services and fully integrate considerations specific to the francophone community in its communication plans and strategies.



Evidence #3: Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

Elections Ontario is committed to meeting the accessibility standards set in the *Election Act*, the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA), Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) and the Ontario Human Rights Code. The IASR establishes accessibility standards for information and communications, employment, transportation, design of public spaces and customer service.

Elections Ontario is guided by the following four core principles of the AODA:

1. Elections Ontario's policies, procedures and practices respect the dignity of persons with disabilities who are treated as customers who are as valued and as deserving of effective and full service of its goods, services or facilities as any other customer;
2. Persons with disabilities are given the independence to make their own choices and do things their own way when accessing Elections Ontario's goods, services or facilities;
3. The provision of Elections Ontario's goods, services or facilities allows persons with disabilities to fully benefit from the same services, in the same place and in the same or similar way as other customers. When integration is not possible, alternative measures are provided;
4. Persons with disabilities have an equal opportunity to obtain, use and benefit from Elections Ontario's goods, services or facilities as others. This applies to employment and the work environment.



Watch this [Elections Ontario video](#) about how it is making the electoral process more accessible for all Ontarians if you have access to a device.



Evidence #4: Youth at the Booth and Ontario Future Voters List

Elections Ontario encourages 16- and 17-year-olds to gain practical experience at the polls. **Youth at the Booth** is an opportunity for high school youth to get practical experience working the polls in Ontario elections. Thousands of high school seniors, 16 years of age or older, participated in the 2022 general election Youth at the Booth program.

These youth work as Tabulator Deputy Returning Officers or Information Assistants, whose duties include ensuring the voting location is accessible to the electors, helping with ID and how to vote, feeding ballots into tabulator machines, generating the tabulation results and printing the candidates result tape after closing on election night.

The **Ontario Register of Future Voters** is a list of eligible 16- and 17-year-olds who will be automatically added to the voters list when they turn 18. To be eligible, you must be:

- 16 or 17 years old
- A Canadian citizen
- A resident of Ontario



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