

2022 Mississauga Municipal Election Candidate Survey – Full Questions

Introduction Question: Please indicate which office you ran for in the 2022 Mississauga Municipal Election.

Main Survey Questions:

1. The Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program allows Candidates running for municipal Council to request a rebate for their contributors that meet certain criteria. Was this program useful in attracting donations/contributions to your campaign?

Choose one response:

- Yes
 - No
 - Not applicable because although I ran for a seat on municipal Council, I did not participate in the program
 - Not applicable because I was a trustee candidate and was not enrolled in the program
2. Traditionally, voters were only able to vote at one predetermined polling location based on their qualifying addresses. In 2018, Mississauga implemented the Vote Anywhere model to allow voters to vote at any polling location in the City on Advance Poll Days, and at any polling location in their Ward on Election Day. This model was used again in 2022. Please provide your opinion on the Vote Anywhere model:
 - a. I believe the Vote Anywhere model is effective.

Choose one response:

- strongly disagree
- disagree
- neutral
- agree
- strongly agree

- b. I believe the Vote Anywhere model gives voters more flexibility.

Choose one response:

- strongly disagree
- disagree
- neutral
- agree
- strongly agree

3. In order to help administer the Vote Anywhere model, which allows voters to vote at any polling location in the City on Advance Poll Days, the City used the ExpressVote Universal Voting system. Using this electronic system, election

workers print one of 55 ballot types based on a voter's Ward and school support. Once the ballot is printed, voters insert it into the ExpressVote machine. Voters use a touch-screen, or other accessible options to mark their ballot electronically. The voter reviews their choices and prints their marked ballot. Once the marked ballot is printed, the voter can review their choices again. The ballot is inserted into a tabulator so the voters' votes can be counted.

- a. Did you use this technology on Advance Poll Days?

Choose one response:

- Yes
- No

- b. If yes, did you feel that this system was easy to use?

Choose one response:

- Yes
- No

4. Did you receive feedback from your voters regarding the electronic voting (ExpressVote) system used at Advance Poll locations?

Choose one response:

- Yes
- No

If yes, was the feedback (choose one response):

- Negative
- Positive
- Indifferent

5. The City increased the number of Advance Poll days to 7 in 2022, up from 4 days in 2018. Do you think the number of Advance Poll days should (choose one response):

- Increase
- Decrease
- Remain the same

6. Do you feel there were a sufficient number of polling locations on Advance Poll days?

Choose one response:

- Yes
- No

If you answered no, why not?

7. Do you feel there were a sufficient number of polling locations on Election Day?

Choose one response:

- Yes
- No

If you answered no, why not?

8. Were election signs an important part of your campaign?

Choose one response:

- Yes
- No

9. Do you feel that putting up election signs uses resources that could be better used on other aspects of campaigning?

Choose one response:

- Yes
- No

If you answered yes, please explain.

10. In your opinion, what are the benefits to allowing the use of elections signs?

11. In your opinion, what are the drawbacks to allowing the use of election signs?

12. Brampton City Council has voted to amend their sign by-law. The amendment allows election signs to be displayed in windows or windows in doors only.

a. Would you support similar restrictions in the City of Mississauga?

Choose one response

- Yes
- No

b. Please explain why/why not.

13. Are there voting technologies or other voting methods (for example mail-in ballots) that you think would improve access for voters?

14. Do you feel that the information provided to you by the Elections Office was helpful?

Choose one response:

- Not at all helpful
- Slightly helpful

- Somewhat helpful
 - Very helpful
 - Extremely helpful
15. What, if any, additional information or support from the Elections Office would you find helpful?
16. The Elections Office hosted two Candidate information sessions. One was held in April 2022 and one was held in September 2022. Elections Office staff and staff from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing provided information on various topics that included:
- Campaign Finance
 - Compliance Audits
 - Voting Proxy
 - Scrutineers
 - The nomination procedure
 - Voting technology
 - The Use of City Resources during an Election Campaign Corporate Policy
 - The sign by-law
 - Voters' Lists
 - Key dates
- a. Did you attend one or both of the information sessions?
- Choose one response:
- Yes
 - No
- b. If yes, which sessions did you attend?
- Choose one response:
- September session
 - April session
 - Both sessions
17. What additional information or topics would you find helpful at future Candidate information sessions?
18. The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 establishes the rules Clerks and Candidates must follow during an election. For example, the Act sets the nomination fee, the number of endorsements candidates for council require, how the Voter's List is managed and the day the election is held. Please describe any concerns you have with the rules in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
19. In the 2022 municipal election, voter turnout in Mississauga was 21.8%. Based on your experience as a candidate, what do you think were the factors that contributed to lower voter turnout in this election?

20. If you were talking to someone who was considering running in the 2026 municipal election, what would you say:

- a. Was the best part of being a candidate?
- b. What surprised you the most?
- c. What could have improved your experience?