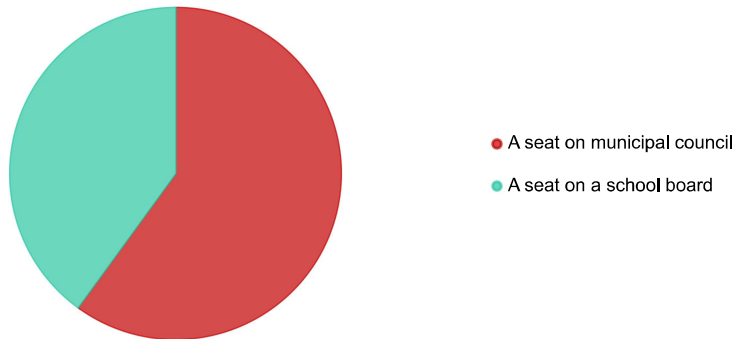


Election 2022 Candidate Survey Responses

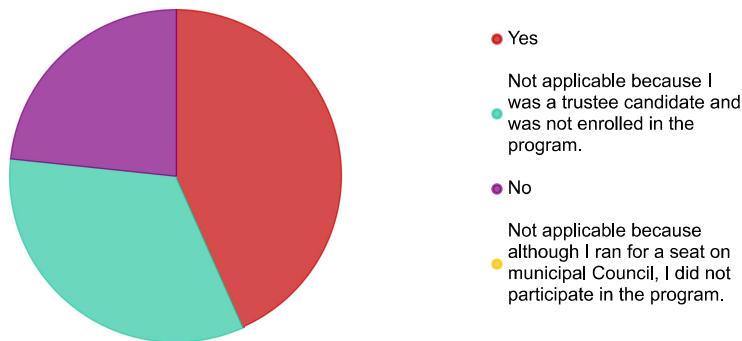
1. Please indicate which office you ran for in the 2022 Mississauga Municipal...



Answers	Count	Percentage
A seat on municipal council	18	60%
A seat on a school board	12	40%

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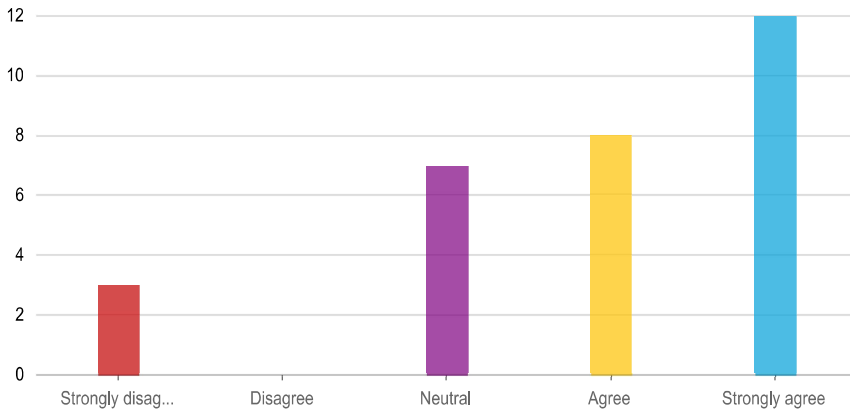
1. The Election Campaign Contribution Rebate Program allows Candidates running...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	13	43.33%
Not applicable because I was a trustee candidate and was not enrolled in the program.	10	33.33%
No	7	23.33%
Not applicable because although I ran for a seat on municipal Council, I did not participate in the program.	0	0%

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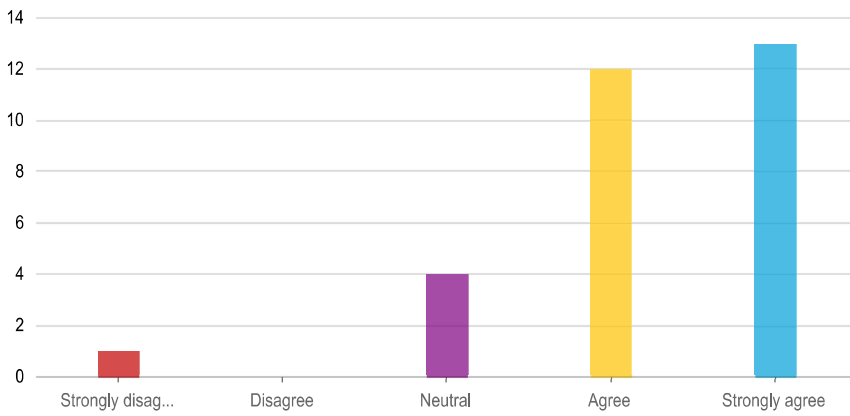
I believe the Vote Anywhere model is effective:



Answers	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	3	10%
Disagree	0	0%
Neutral	7	23.33%
Agree	8	26.67%
Strongly agree	12	40%

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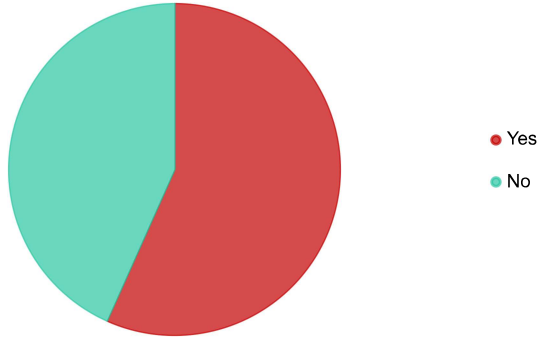
I believe the Vote Anywhere model gives voters more flexibility:



Answers	Count	Percentage
Strongly disagree	1	3.33%
Disagree	0	0%
Neutral	4	13.33%
Agree	12	40%
Strongly agree	13	43.33%

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0

Did you use this technology on Advance Poll Days?

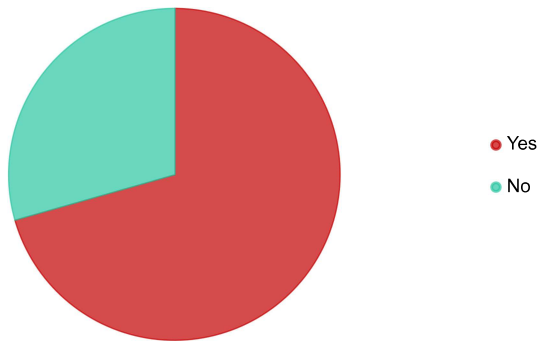


Answers **Count** **Percentage**

Yes	17	56.67%
No	13	43.33%

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IF YES, did you feel that this system was easy to use?

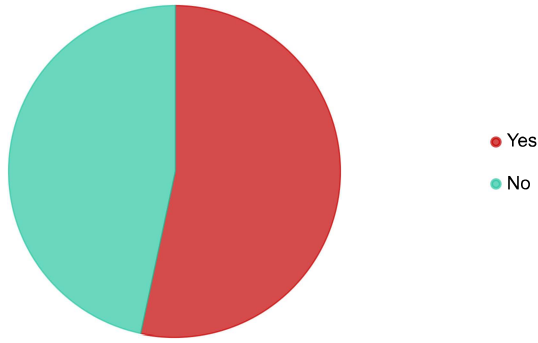


Answers **Count** **Percentage**

Yes	12	40%
No	5	16.67%

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4. Did you receive feedback from your voters regarding the electronic voting...

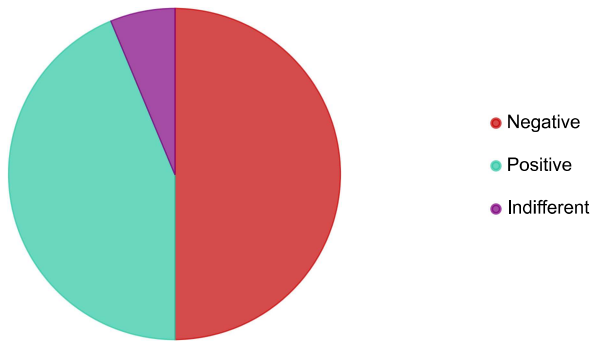


Answers **Count** **Percentage**

Yes	16	53.33%
No	14	46.67%

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0

IF YES, was the feedback:

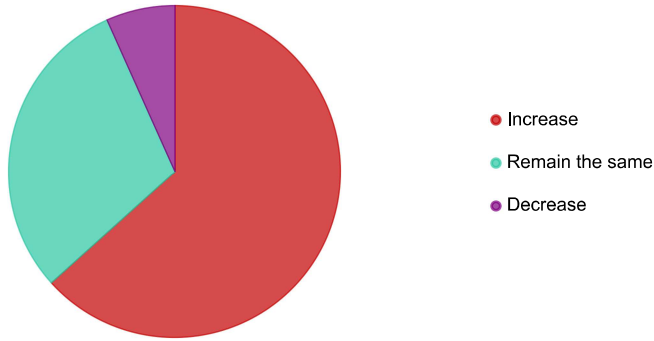


Answers **Count** **Percentage**

Negative	8	26.67%
Positive	7	23.33%
Indifferent	1	3.33%

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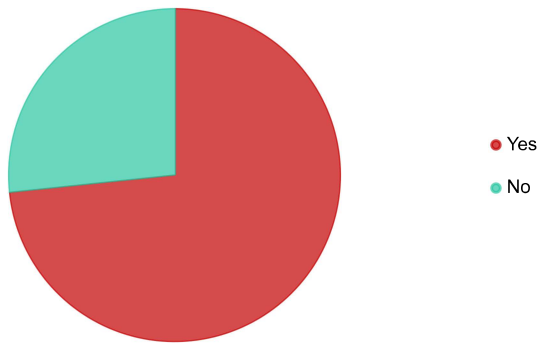
5. The City increased the number of Advance Poll days to 7 in 2022, up from 4 days...



Answers	Count	Percentage
Increase	19	63.33%
Remain the same	9	30%
Decrease	2	6.67%

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0

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



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	22	73.33%
No	8	26.67%

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0

If you answered NO, why not?

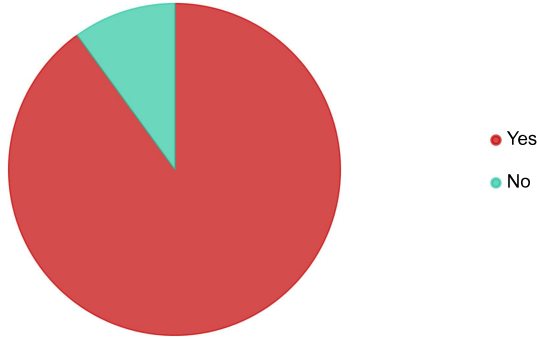
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Response	Count
In some cases the locations were still very far for people in a large wards especially for those without vehicles.	2
There were not sufficient polling locations on advance poll days. They were not sufficiently spread throughout Wards and not numerous enough within Wards.	1
There should have been locations closer to neighbourhoods instead of community centres.	1

There should have been a mail ballot. Older people and technologically challenged people did not vote.	1
The combination of warmer days meaning more people unaware or busy, COVID impacts and work schedules as well as the general burnout and population feeling overwhelmed - they just need more time.	1
No opinion wasn't an option.	1
Many residents in the Ward I contested felt that advance polls were not placed within the Ward. I feel every Ward should have 3 advance polling stations within the boundaries.	1

Answered: 8 Skipped: 22

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



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	27	90%
No	3	10%

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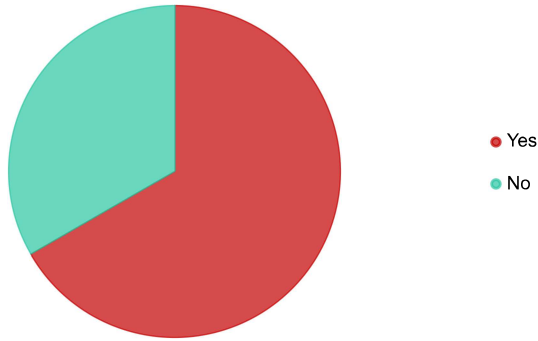
If you answered NO, why not?

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Response	Count
No opinion wasn't an option	1
It was a HUGE disservice, borderline gerrymandering, for Council to opt out of polling stations on Sheridan and UTM campuses. This massively disenfranchised students and should be investigated.	1
It should be like that are in federal elections	1

Answered: 3 Skipped: 27

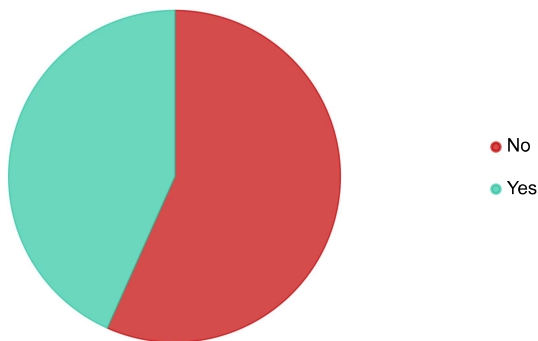
8. Were election signs an important part of your campaign?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	20	66.67%
No	10	33.33%

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0

9. Do you feel that putting up election signs uses resources that could be better us...



Answers	Count	Percentage
No	17	56.67%
Yes	13	43.33%

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0

If you answered YES, please explain.

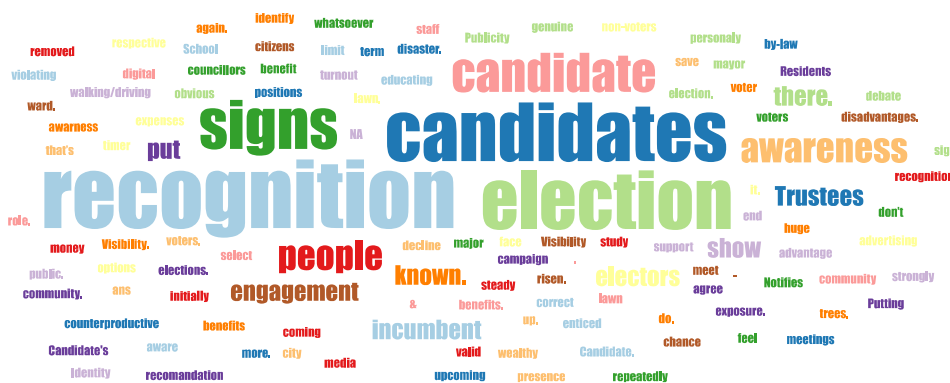
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Response	Count
Too often voters choose based on name recognition. But really what do they know of the candidate and the candidates platform? Signs cost so much and say so little.	1
Time and money could have been spent on less environmentally damaging methods of communications. Radio, TV and Electronic Billboards are examples.	1
The sign war is horrific & they're removed or stolen so what's the point! Also what a waste & clutter that can not be recycled so this plastic sits in landfill for years.	1

that help the voters and enough time to study about the candidates	1
Signs are a huge pain and very expensive but to be the only one not using them would be problematic to my campaign. I would support a sign ban	1
Signs are a blight and pose sight and other issues. Too many candidates barrage the place with unwanted signs or signs that residents do not understand.	1
NA	1
Most candidates who won didn't follow rules at all and they were given freehand by sign regulation authority.	1
Local media and NGOs made no attempt to interview candidates of hold debates or town halls.	1
Every ward in all major cities had stories of signs being taken down, picked up or residents not giving permission. Big expense and labour, chasing or putting back up signs - useless in my mind.	1
Environmental concerns and there were some signs illegally installed or removed.	1
A huge cost and source of waste, vandalism and distraction that gives further advantage to the incumbent, almost always wealthier. Our lack of Council diversity is directly tied to these inequities.	1
Signs should have a size dimension. Also, a signed permission form from the home owner allowing the lawn sign to be up should be implemented. Not enough monitoring signs on public properties.	1

Answered: 13 Skipped: 17

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

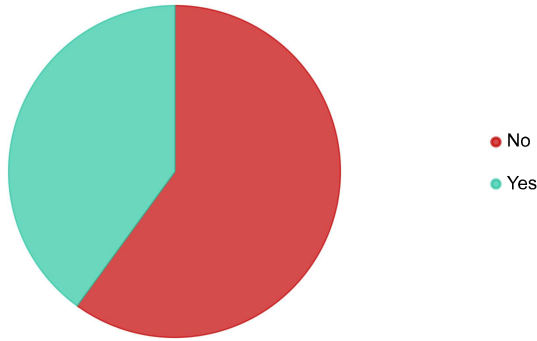


Response	Count
They allow candidates without name recognition to be better known.	2
voters can select and study about voters.	1
Visibility. A show of support from people that agree to put them on their lawn.	1
Visibility, candidate awareness for electors, Name recognition, awareness of the Election, educating the electors of different positions for election.	1
There are no major benefits. There has been a steady decline in voter engagement and turnout even as campaign expenses have risen. We have been doing little to correct course and it is a disaster.	1
The most obvious benefit of lawn signs is name recognition and awareness that an election is coming up.	1
The incumbent have huge advantage going into elections. Whereas the first timer have disadvantages. There should be a limit of two term for mayor, councillors and trustees .	1
Signs do help initially with recognition but that's where the benefits end	1
Residents see their options - and may be enticed to look into the candidate more.	1

Too many candidates broke rules. Placing signs too large or placing them illegally. This is unfair to candidates who followed the rules. Policing the use of lawn signs was difficult.	1
Too costly	1
The drawbacks are the cost of the stakes and the many volunteers required .	1
Stolen or Damaged Signs, were a concern. Signs put up without permission	1
Signs do not tell anything of a platform, or who the candidate is. Signs contribute to pollution and perpetuate a cycle of candidates win by spending the most	1
Same question have been put in 3 ways. Simple, only rich win.	1
restrictions	1
Nothing	1
None. But less sign wars and random rules would be good.	1
None.	1
None	1
NA	1
N/a	1
Massive cost and waste, it actually disengages many who consider these a blight, especially with more and more "sign hoarding" on some properties plus vandalism and so few actual debates or media.	1
Many places illegally with no consequence. Waste of money and creation of huge amounts of garbage	1
It centres money in politics. We should be hosting more town halls in local libraries so people can meet the candidates	1
Incumbents will just place their signs wherever they want without repercussions. I filed many complaints, and nothing was ever done.	1
I don't see any. Only problem is that there is a lot of vandalism happening this time compared to previous elections. Also, people remove lawn signs illegally.	1
Environmental issues, littered streets failure to remove them afterwards, are serious issues.	1
Election signs should be allowed however, city enforcement of rules being followed & fines enforced for violation of by-law to be immediate at time of violation needed. This practice was not followed.	1
Election signs give candidates with more resources a huge benefit. It does not level the playing field. incumbents take advantage of constituents who have prime lots by soliciting them early.	1
Easy for opponents to deface, remove, and destroy which is costly.	1
Clutter, too many, non-recyclable waste.	1
Affordability for new candidate. Especially if established incumbent has years of making connections for donations. 1 candidate can dominate the ward with signs giving impression to undecided	1
A very few voters only watching.	1

Answered: 28 Skipped: 2

Would you support similar restrictions in the City of Mississauga?



Answers **Count** **Percentage**

No	18	60%
Yes	12	40%

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Please explain why/why not:



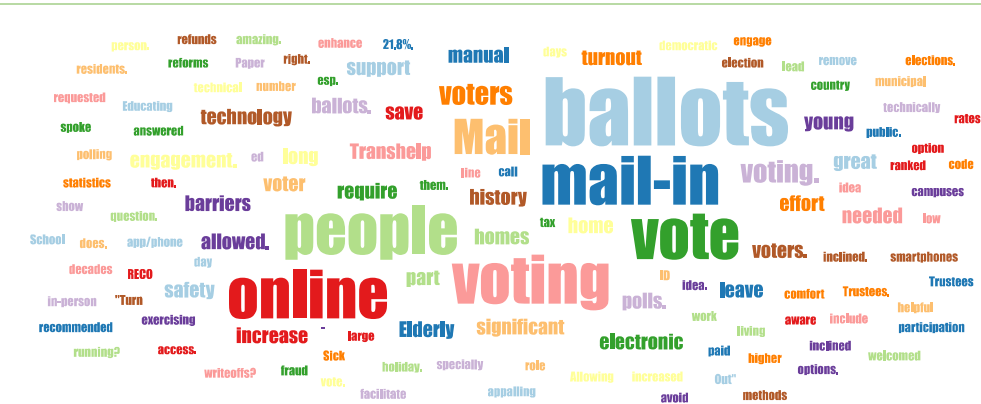
Response **Count**

Illegal to ban signs. Banning them is just a massive advantage to incumbents.	2
Why want restrictions.	1
This amendment would allow small signs only so less costly. Over abundant of signs from each candidate crowding on the lawns would be eliminated . That said I do approve of signs as a visual .	1
The Supreme Court of Canada has already weighed in on this. You can't ban signs.	1
The signs need to be seen at the street. This is a non issue.	1
The should be allowed in public space.. otherwise it gives to much power to business and land owners to restrict sign posting	1
the point of signs it to show them visable	1
Signs should just be limited to key intersections permitted by the city (as other municipalities do). This would reduce the clutter, garbage & cost for candidates.	1
Restrictions are never good.	1
reduces the possibility of election signs	1

Reduce cost, reduce waste, increase direct resident engagement and hopefully result in more willingness of candidates and media to focus less on visuals and more on issues, debates, results!	1
Not enough viewers	1
No comment	1
Lawn signs are important to get the name recognition. Displaying windows and doors gives advantage to incumbent. Lawn signs are important for unknown candidates.	1
It's important for candidates to have more ways to engage voters, not be constricted. Voter turnout should be the primary focus on elections moving forward.	1
It would prevent Stolen or Damaged Signs, or Signs put up without permission. There is the environmental cost that should be addressed.	1
It would certainly go a long way to limiting size, amount of signs both cluttering the roadway and in illegal/unsafe places	1
It has to be visible	1
In windows would be good because they would/could not be removed from lawns by others.	1
Cant be removed by malicious intent. Signs should not be plastered all around mall property or on development fencing...sends a message that the incumbent "owns" that property or developer area.	1
Because that foolish by-law only benefits incumbents, who already have an unfair advantage. Election signs should only be allowed on Private property, and candidates who break this law should be punished	1
..	1
Excellent idea! It prevents damage to property and vandalism to signs. It also levels the playing field a lot more. It gives candidates the opportunity to spend money on other priorities.	1

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13. Are there voting technologies or other voting methods (for example mail-in ballots) that...



Response

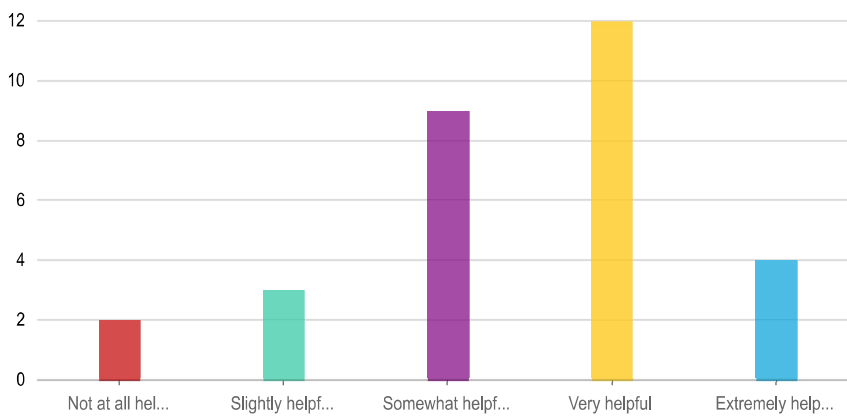
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Yes	3
No	2
Mail-in Ballots should be allowed. They have a long history of safety and for people who cannot leave their homes or require Transhelp they would save a significant effort to go to polls.	2
Young voters do not vote because it's too much work for them. If the voting is done on line large number of people will vote from the comfort of their home, specially young voters.	1

Yes, online voting is a great idea. But keep mail in ballots for the elderly or people less technical inclined.	1
Vote by app/phone or call in voting.	1
Two part question. The first part is answered and for mail-in ballots, old idea, that should be electronic like R ECO does.	1
The voting statistics show that people are not exercising their democratic right. Educating the public. after living in this country for decades people are not aware of the role of the Trustees.	1
Paper voting is best - we need more days to vote, election day should also be a paid holiday. Other needed reforms include ranked ballots, polling at all higher ed campuses and online voting.	1
Online voting. Allowing voters to vote using their smartphones will increase voter turnout from its appalling 1.8%.	2
ONLINE and Yes MAIL IN BALLOTS	1
Mail-in ballots would be amazing. Many I spoke to requested for their to be Mail-in ballots. They would be more likely to vote then. Could be a great way to take down barriers for our residents.	1
Mail-in ballots are needed for the Elderly, Sick or those not technically inclined Online voting would have increased voters "Turn Out" and engagement.	1
Mail in ballots recommended	1
Mail in ballots lead to fraud so no there is no technology to enhance access.	1
Mail in and online voting may be helpful to engage more voters.	1
I support ONLY manual and in-person ballots. I do not support mail-in nor electronic or technology options. ONLY manual and in person.	1
How about refunds for School Trustees running? Or tax writeoffs?	1
having the option of online voting would increase voter engagement. Being able to vote from home with an ID and code would facilitate people who might avoid going out to vote.	1
Any methods that could remove barriers to participation would be welcomed, esp. given the low turnout rates during municipal elections.	1

Answered: 24 Skipped: 6

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



Answers **Count** **Percentage**

Not at all helpful	2	6.67%
Slightly helpful	3	10%

Somewhat helpful	9	30%
Very helpful	12	40%
Extremely helpful	4	13.33%

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0

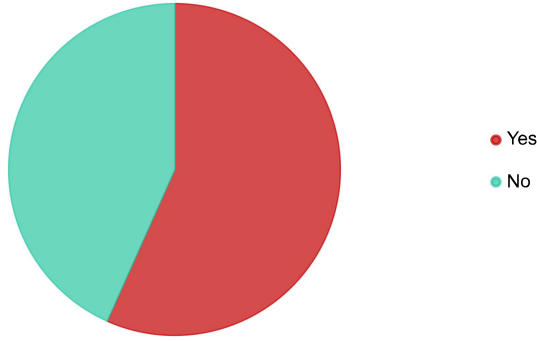
15. What, if any, additional information or support from the Elections Office would you find...

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
You need more. I missed alot of stuff because itmcame too.soon or there was only one date	1
Volunteers have additional questions or require clarification about process when working a campaign. It wou ld be helpful if EO didnt just reply to a question with read over the Manual.	1
The separation of municipal forms from general election forms.	1
The office and staff were great. Communication was amazing.	1
The election office should eliminate Hub program, its useless and extremely time consuming for candidates. They should email to all candidates rather putting information on Hub.	1
Nothing	1
More guidance, and better communication from the Elections Office would have been appreciated - my exp erience as a candidate was truly awful.	1
Knowledge on demographics of who voted and in what areas would certainly allow for more dedicated mess aging that would go a long way to talk directly to what matters	1
Info provided earlier and more staffing to the Elections Office, at times overwhelmed. More staff to manage t he election system (for more days) and more staff for voter education/outreach, year-round.	1
I think the voter's list should have been available earlier - at the time of registration. Incumbents have the ad vantage of previous lists whereas new candidates have a much harder time catching up.	1
I charge lot of money for advising.	1
eligible voters out of date. Did not have an accurate list of eligible voters. Eligible voters shown in mississau ga actually belonged to another city. Number of eligible voters	1
Check the street names and addresses before publishing.	1
Being able to receive the actual voter's list after the election day for candidate's respective ward. More hand s on support for the responsibilities of a candidate rather than directing to print.	1
Basically the School Trustee election is an after thought and isn't really democratic as there are no all candi dates meetings or ways to discuss the issues.	1
Actually reprimanding candidates who break rules and regulations that candidates are supposed to follow.	1
A letter should be issued to condos - can't access most b/c they don't allow you to solicit etc. Wasted time tr ying to get permission in some huge condos	1
.	1

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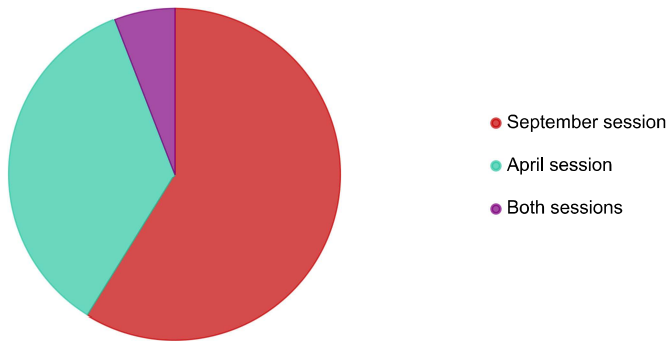
Did you attend one or both of the information sessions?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	17	56.67%
No	13	43.33%

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0

If YES, which sessions did you attend?



Answers	Count	Percentage
September session	10	33.33%
April session	6	20%
Both sessions	1	3.33%

Answered: 17 Skipped: 13

17. What additional information or topics would you find helpful at future Candidate information...

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
Workshop style format where actual scenarios are explained and questions addressed. First time candidates need additional support to learn what is involved in being a part of an election.	1
Waste of time.	1
Voter engagement, highlighting the current disturbing trend of voter decline and methods to engage more residents, and how the City is helping. So also more info on new programs, like ranked ballots.	1

Transparency. Access to voter maps and lists when a candidate files their nomination, and not in September.	1
Rebate When filing out the donors information, typically cheques arrive & there is usually NO email provided & no phone number. I understood the need but hard to obtain - perhaps 1 or the other	1
Nil	1
N/A	1
Maybe some advise from past candidates.	1
Impose "no signs" bylaws	1
How School Trustees can get refunds. How donations can be a tax write off.	1
French language sessions.	1
Endorsement information.	1
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Answered: 13 Skipped: 17

Please describe any concerns you have with the rules in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response	Count
I would prefer the number of endorsements was raised to cut back on unserious candidates. Having to gather signatures is time consuming so only serious candidates will invest the time.	2
Voters list should be made available when one files their nomination. Incumbents should not be allowed to host any Ward specific events after April of an election year, and even more advance polls.	1
they are fine	1
These seem good but a review should be done after all these years. More days to vote, ranked ballots, no election lawn signs should be enshrined plus language for online voting added as an option.	1
The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 should be amended and allow candidates to have final listing of voters, who voted so they can call the voters and thank them.	1
Nomination fee to be higher. It is too low & allows for people to pay \$100 to get a voter's list & access to info for this fee if they are not committed to being a candidate but for other reasons.	1
No refunds for fee., because the voters list is not to be given freely to people to promote their private businesses. People who lose their election must be prepared to lose their deposit.	1
No barrier to entry. More endorsements should be required, along with a higher fee.	1
No	1
NA	1
N/A	1
Money is centre-droit in politics	1
It does not address School Trustees at all. It just arbitrarily applies the Councillor rules.	1
I think the incumbent mayor should have been allowed to campaign door to door with Ward Candidate's. Unfair advantage and although not against the rules, it shows a bad form.	1
For campaigns less than a certain amount there should be no requirement for an audit for that campaign to participate in the rebate program. Rebates should be tax credits.	1

Lack of media coverage.	1
Incombants don't want to change, therefore, don't waste time.	1
I noticed many people of colour were unaware of the election. The city should invest into advertising in those communities. Mississauga is a diverse city, and the election should reflect that.	1
I believe complacency is a factor in Mississauga because of incumbency. Term limits would reduce this apathy.	1
Horrorific lack of voter education by the City, less than prior years (remember the contest?), no workshops, too few voting days, COVID impacts and mental health burnout, plus weak media landscape.	1
General lack of knowledge as to why municipal government matters. Almost zero engagement with younger generations. No debates for candidates outside of the mayoral race.	1
General lack of interest.	1
General cynicism around politics and relatively poor understanding of the role of municipal elected officials.	1
Awareness in common man We should make fine if person does not vote	1
Apathy. People feel that their voice (vote) does not matter in politics. A MMP system provincially and federally would help, even in municipal positions that are supported by the two main parties.	1
1. People have lost faith in the system at all levels 2. Diwali 3. No real noise about the election - some people thought it was only in Toronto b/c it was on the news	1
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a. Was the best part of being a candidate?



Response

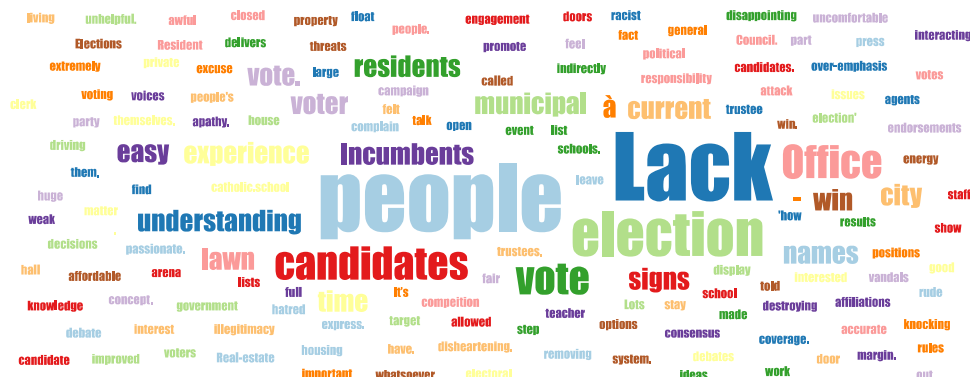
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Engaging with your neighbours	2
You got to spend money to win. Also you got to talk to a lot of people	1
Those that were engaged in Municipal politics were very knowledgeable. Great ideas. Not so great ones too.	1
The exposure to the reality.	1
The best part of being a candidate was meeting the residents while door knocking.	1
Talking to residents about their concerns/issues/ideas.	1
Seeing people and trying to resolve their problem.	1

Met fabulous people	1
Meeting Ward residents	1
Meeting voters and learn their concerns	1
Meeting the people in your ward and connecting with them.	1
Meeting residents and talking about the issues.	1
Meeting people at their doors and talking about issues/concerns.	1
Meeting new people, listening to people's stories, and helping them in anyway you could.	1
Many people are hungry for social change, but feel their are few visionaries to fix what is felt by many to be a broken system. The positive community energy waiting to surface is inspiring.	1
Keep on try	1
It sounds like a politician's answer, but truly, talking to people, getting to know their concerns and thoughts a bout how we can improve the city. Growing as a person and learning new skills	1
Ideas how you will improve situations in the ward, what actions you support or non support council resolutio ns.	1
Hearing more about the education-related challenges and opportunities facing members of my community.	1
Got to meet and interact more with the community residents and really understand the issues at hand	1
getting to know the residents	1
Getting to know the people of Mississauga.	1
Getting to know the constituents through door knocking.	1
Getting to know constituents	1
Don't bother.	1
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(Re)-connecting with the community, especially amidst years of COVID and so much population change, as so many leave this unaffordable city. The stories of those still here or trying are humbling.	1

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b. What surprised you the most?

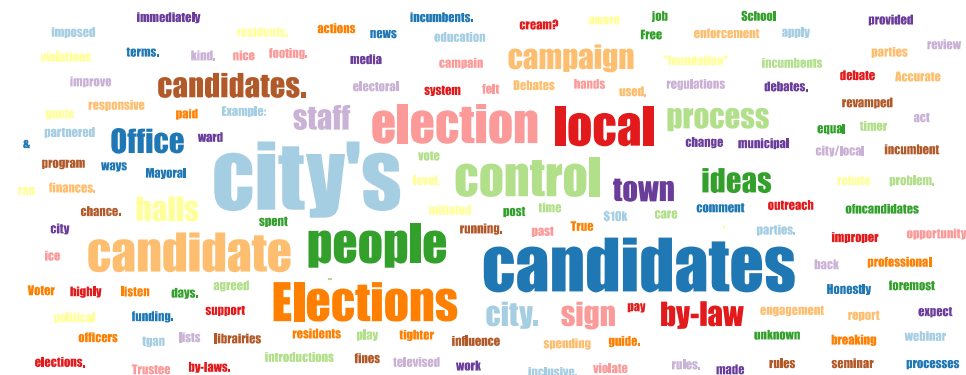


Response	Count
How few people vote	2

When I called the election office to complain about the name of the current trustee display on schools. Office said it is the responsibility of the school which is the current trustees. It's not fair	1
When a teacher at a catholic school told me I had to leave an open house event but my competition was allowed to stay and talk about his campaign	1
Voter apathy.	1
Those that were REALLY interested in the other options were very passionate.	1
The way incumbents use their experience on 'how to win an election' and indirectly attack new candidates. Candidates using other people's names, positions endorsements to promote themselves.	1
The threats and hatred that find target in people that step into the political arena is disheartening. No excuse, but when people feel their voices don't matter that's how energy tends to express.	1
The large lack of understanding of what municipal government delivers for people.	1
The lack of engagement some of the residents have.	1
the fact that vandals were getting away with destroying lawn signs on private property or even removing them.	1
The decisions made behind closed doors and the illegitimacy of the general election concept.	1
The consensus on issues, namely the lack of affordable housing, over-emphasis on driving and lack of results from a Council. Most show no interest in voting in part because of a weak electoral system.	1
Real-estate agents in just to get the voters list Resident Lack of knowledge of what city hall does and why it's important to vote and residents not understanding no party affiliations in municipal	1
Nothing	1
No debates whatsoever. No press coverage.	1
Lots of work	1
Lack of accurate voter lists	1
Incumbents did have to go door knocking and win the election by huge margin. Their names or lawn signs are good enough to win, No all candidates debate was done to float the new and improved ideas	1
I had an awful experience as a candidate - I felt extremely uncomfortable interacting with the clerk at the Elections Office - she was rude, racist and very unhelpful. Very disappointing	1
I got more votes than the previous election	1
How little help the city staff provided.	1
How few people living in apartment buildings vote.	1
How few people actually got out to vote.	1
How easy it was for some candidates to break the rules and get away with it	1
Both the money and time necessary to really get the message out. By no means did I expect it to be easy, but doing it while working full time was intense.	1
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c. What could have improved your experience?



Response	Count
Nothing within the city's control	2
True electoral change, initiated by the people running. Example: If the Mayoral Candidates agreed to a first post past system, then that would be used.	1
The tighter regulations and more control at municipal level. There should be less influence from the parties.	1
No comment	1
more time to spent election campaign	1
More outreach and engagement with residents from the city/local media as a "foundation" for more candidates to have a chance. We need more staff, more education and new ways to vote, for more days.	1
More hands on support about finances. Town halls so people could come and listen to the candidates. Local televised debates.	1
Instead of doing the rebate program, every candidate gets \$10k from the city. No other funding. Let the candidates play with equal footing. Any improper spending must be paid back to the city.	1
If the city ran town halls in local libraries and partnered with local news to get introductions ofncandidates out	1
I felt that the people at the Elections office were highly responsive, professional, and kind. Our elections work very well, but the political process needs to be revamped to be more inclusive.	1
Honestly you would not do anything since you are the problem.	1
Free ice cream?	1
Debates, ideas and actions to improve ward residents. The incumbent should not allow more than two terms. First timer or unknown candidates should be given opportunity to debate the ideas	1
City's sign by-law enforcement to allow for by-law officers to act immediately to election sign violations with fines imposed & especially to incumbents foremost who violate city's own by-laws.	1
Better way to report a candidate breaking campaign rules.	1
Being made aware that the rules do not apply to incumbents. Only for new candidates.	1
Actually care about School Trustee elections.	1
Accurate Voter lists	1
A what to expect guide A seminar or webinar on best election campaign processes - not really the city's job, but would have been nice not to have to pay third parties for a guide.	1
A review of the process, customer service provided by the Elections Office, anti-bias/racism training for staff, and complete revamp of the candidate experience.	1

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