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Wainfleet Election Results Official

Wainfleet, ON – The final certification of voting results in the Township of Wainfleet was completed on October 25, 2022 following a special count of twenty-nine ballots that had not been counted on Voting Day.

Earlier in the day, a certification audit conducted by the Township's Clerk identified a twenty-nine ballots that had been received by the Township prior to the close of voting on Voting Day, but had not been processed.

CAO/Clerk William Kolasa opened the special count held at 6:00 pm in the Township of Wainfleet Council Chambers by explaining to the candidates and scrutineers in attendance, in detail, the path each errant ballot had taken, including when and where they were received and how they were found through the certification review process. "When you are dealing with high volumes of ballots and voters, solving their individual issues and trying process all of the documentation in a timely manner in the chaos of an Election Day, it's possible to have an issue," he said. "That's the reason why the certification process is so crucial: to ensure that every person who is legally entitled to cast a vote can do so - and to ensure that vote will be counted."

After the explanation portion of the meeting, Mr. Kolasa answered all questions on the matter posed by candidates and scrutineers to their satisfaction, before proceeding.

To ensure the privacy of the electors and the secrecy of each elector's vote, the twenty-nine ballot kits were counted in the presence of the candidates and scrutineers in the same manner and using the same procedure as all of the other ballots cast on Voting Day.

Tabulation of the remaining ballots did not impact the results of the election that were displayed on election night. The final ballot counts did, however, see unofficial mayoral leader Brian Grant extend his margin over incumbent Mayor Kevin Gibson, by an additional 4 votes.

“The certification process contemplated by the Municipal Elections Act is specifically intended to identify and address situations such as this prior to the final results of the election being confirmed and certified. I’m confident with the certification that we have completed and, by working closely with our candidates, I know that we have a result that not only represents the will of our residents, but also, that they can have the utmost confidence in,” said Mr. Kolasa.

Final official results were posted on the Township’s website last night at 8:00 PM. <https://www.wainfleet.ca/en/town-hall/municipal-elections.aspx> .

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