# Delegation Request Form

**I wish to appear before** *

- [x] Council
- [ ] Advisory Committee of Council

**Date of Meeting** *

12/12/2022

**Name of Delegate(s)** *

Linda Saxon

**Address** *

[redacted]

**Phone** *

[redacted]

**Email** *

[redacted]

**Capacity in which you will be attending** *

- [x] Attending as an Individual
- [ ] Representing a Group / Organization

**Have you contacted Administration regarding this matter?** *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

**Who from Town Administration have you contacted?** *

Valerie Critchley, CAO

**Reason(s) for Delegation Request (subject matter to be discussed). If the request is in response to an item on the agenda, please specify the item's agenda #** *

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**If your request is in response to an agenda item, are you in favour of the recommendation? If not, please provide your reasoning below**

No. The voting method by-law should not be part of the Post Report on barriers.

**Will a powerpoint presentation be made?** *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

**Note**: An electronic copy of the PowerPoint presentation is required to be submitted to delegations@amherstburg.ca no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday before the meeting.

**Please upload speaking notes and/or presentation materials - 4 Attachments Max (10MB Each) (pdf, docx, xlsx, jpg, jpeg, gif, png, tif)** *

| File Name |
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| Voting Barriers 2022.docx<br>16.5 KB |

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N9V 2A5, 519.736.0012.

**Voting Barriers I encountered during the 2022 Amherstburg Municipal Election.**

Attitudinal barriers.

Ableism.

A lack of signage at the Libro Centre.

A lack of appropriate signage at the Libro.

A lack of resting seating at the Libro.

Voter notification cards arrived late.

Election worker misinformed voters about ID.

A lack of a variety of alternate voting methods; in person voting option during a pandemic.

I felt excluded from meaningful public consultation regarding voting methods due, in part, to:

- An error in the December 6, 2021 report to council that the appropriate by-law needed to be passed by May 1 in the year before the election instead of May 1 in the year of the election.
- Being advised, 'however, the error has no effect in that, so long as the by-law is passed before May 1, 2022.'
- By-laws passing first, second and third reading in one meeting.
- The rationale for a voting method based on what electors are familiar and comfortable with.
- A spontaneous in person question following voting.

Segregating voters with disabilities to use adaptive equipment at only one poll.

Lack of social media policy.

The use of town images and/or names may have been confusing to people with a variety of disabilities.

Eighteen of twenty-five candidates created and/or perpetuated barriers as follows:

- Meet and greets: 9
- Websites: 11
- Facebook: 15
- Twitter: 7
- Print materials.