

Summary of Pros and Cons for Internet and In-Person Paper Ballot Election Methods

	Pros	Cons
Internet Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered by the public to be a convenient method of voting • Permits voting from home during the pandemic • Provides a fast and modern method of voting that members of the public are familiar with based on other online services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliability of internet voting is unclear; voting systems for several municipalities experienced serious technical difficulties in the 2018 election • Concerns raised over whether internet voting meets key democratic principles • Voting is unsupervised creating a concern over whether votes are cast by eligible voters themselves • Votes are not necessarily cast in secrecy resulting in the possibility of undue influence • The role of scrutineers is limited • Though improbable, cybersecurity risks are present • If election results are questioned, there may be no external way to validate such as physical ballots • Internet connectivity varies across Caledon
In-Person Paper Ballot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered by the public to be a proven and secure method with minimal risk of fraud • Members of the public are generally satisfied with this method based on the 2018 election • Fully accessible to voters with disabilities • Identity of each voter is confirmed in person to ensure that eligible voters cast their own ballots • Voting is completed in secret behind a screen • Provides a reliable and anonymous back up in the form of physical ballots in the event of technical difficulties or a recount • Scrutineers are fully able to fulfill their roles • Staff have significant experience administering this type of an election 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite safety measures, voters are still required to attend a voting location during the pandemic • This method may be considered as being less convenient than online voting • Potential supply Chain issues could cause difficulties in procuring election equipment