

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHAPLEAU

By-Law No. 2022-31

Being A By-Law to Authorize Alternate Voting Methods
In the 2022 Township of Chapleau School Board and Municipal Elections

WHEREAS Section 8(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, (“Municipal Act”) as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, S.O. 1996, provides that a municipal council may pass bylaws authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment and electors to use an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place to vote.

AND WHEREAS Section 11 of the *Municipal Elections Act* provides that it is the responsibility of the clerk of the municipality to conduct elections including but not limited to preparing for the election and maintaining peace and order in connection with the election.

AND WHEREAS Council further acknowledges that this By-law has been prepared by Expertise for Municipalities Non-profit Association (“E4m”) and reviewed for compliance with all applicable legislation and E4m is not responsible for the results of any edit to this policy other than as expressly authorized or directed by E4m;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapleau decides it in the best interest of the Corporation to authorize the Clerk to use Telephone and Internet Voting for the 2022 School Board and Municipal Election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chapleau enacts as follows:

1. That the use of electronic voting by Internet and Telephone as alternative voting methods is hereby authorized for the school board and municipal election to be held in 2022 pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act*.
2. That the Municipal Clerk/Returning Officer responsible for the election shall establish procedures and required forms for the alternative voting methods and electronic vote counting equipment in accordance with Section 42 (3) of the *Municipal Elections Act*.
3. That the counting of ballots by electronic method that is in keeping with the voting method is authorized.
4. That the Municipal Clerk/Returning Officer is authorized to enter into agreements with selected vendors necessary for the election.
5. That this By-Law shall come into force and effect on the date it is passed.

Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and FINALLY passed this 25th day of April, 2022

Mayor

Clerk