

The Corporation of the Township of North Huron

By-law No. 14-2025

Being a By-law of the Township of North Huron to authorize the use of telephone and internet voting as an alternative voting method for the 2026 municipal election

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, Subsection 42(1)(b) states that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws to authorize electors to use an alternative voting method, that does not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Huron deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2026 Municipal Election using the Telephone/Internet voting method;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Huron ENACTS as follows:

1. That the alternative voting method of "Telephone/Internet voting" is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2026.
2. That in this By-law words shall have the same meaning as defined or set out in the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, as amended, and in addition, the following is defined:

"*Voting Package*" means the set of documents mailed to each elector at the electors address on the revised voters list or such revised address as is authorized by the elector in writing to the Clerk on or before Nomination Day including:

 - (a) A voting instruction sheet,
 - (b) A list of candidates for office;
 - (c) A secure PIN,
 - (d) Such other necessary materials as determined by the Clerk.
3. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballot in accordance with the Municipal Election Act, S.O. 1996, as amended, and the procedures authorized by this By-law.
4. No proxy voting provisions are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this By-law.
5. The Clerk's procedures and rules for Municipal Elections, authorized by Sections 11, 12, 13 and 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, as amended, shall be found in the Township's election procedure manual as completed by the Clerk and as amended when appropriate.
6. Any person, corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practice or contravention of the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, as amended, may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, Section 89 to 94 inclusive.
7. That By-law No. 16-2021 is hereby repealed.
8. That this by-law shall come into force and takes effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

Read a first and second time this 18th day of February, 2025.
Read a third time and passed this 18th day of February, 2025.

CORPORATE SEAL

Paul Heffer, Reeve

Carson Lamb, Clerk