

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

By-Law 2025-

A By-Law to Authorize the Use of Alternative Voting Methods and Advance Vote for the City of Kawartha Lakes 2026 Municipal Elections, and for any By-Elections Held During the 2026-2030 Term of Council

Recitals

1. Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. c.32, as amended, provides that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, authorize the use of voting and vote-counting equipment for municipal elections and for any by-elections.
2. Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. c.32, as amended, provides the authority for the council of a local municipality to pass by-laws authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote.
3. Section 43 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, c.32 as amended regarding advance voting shall apply in respect of the 2026 municipal election.
4. This by-law puts into effect the decision of Council made by Resolution CR2025-_____.

Accordingly, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes enacts this By-law 2025-_____.

Section 1.00: Definitions and Interpretation

1.01 **Definitions:** In this by-law,

“City”, “City of Kawartha Lakes” or “Kawartha Lakes” means the Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes and includes its entire geographic area;

"City Clerk" means the person appointed by Council to carry out the duties of the clerk described in section 228 of the Municipal Act, 2001;

“Council” or “City Council” means the municipal council for the City;

1.02 **Interpretation Rules:**

The words “include” and “including” are not to be read as limiting the meaning of a word or term to the phrases or descriptions that follow.

1.03 **Statutes:** References to laws in this by-law are meant to refer to the statutes, as amended from time to time, that are applicable within the Province of Ontario.

1.04 **Severability:** If a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this by-law to be illegal or unenforceable, that portion of this by-

law shall be considered to be severed from the balance of the by-law, which shall continue to operate in full force and effect.

Section 2.00: Alternative Voting Method

- 2.01 **Voting Method:** That the City of Kawartha Lakes use voting and vote counting equipment for the 2026 municipal election and for any by-elections during the 2026-2030 term of Council.
- 2.02 **Internet/Telephone:** That the City of Kawartha Lakes use the alternative voting method of internet/telephone voting combination for the 2026 municipal election and for any by-elections for the position of Mayor during the 2026-2030 term of Council.
- 2.03 **Internet:** That the City of Kawartha Lakes use the alternative voting method of internet voting for any by-elections for the position of ward Councillor or School Board Trustee during the 2026-2030 term of Council.

Section 3.00: Advance and Proxy Vote

- 3.01 All Advance voting shall use the same alternative voting method of internet/telephone voting combination for the 2026 municipal election and for any by-elections during the 2026-2030 term of Council.
- 3.02 Proxy voting provisions shall not be permitted for the 2026 municipal election or for any by-elections during the 2026-2030 term of Council.

Section 4.00: Administration and Effective Date

- 4.01 **Administration of the By-law:** The City Clerk is responsible for the administration of this by-law.
- 4.02 **Effective Date:** This By-law shall come into force on the date it is finally passed.

Section 5.00: Repeals

- 5.01 **Repeal:** By-law 2021-002 is hereby repealed.

By-law read a first, second and third time, and finally passed, this 18th day of November, 2025.

Doug Elmslie, Mayor

Cathie Ritchie, City Clerk