



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

BY-LAW NUMBER 2624

A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE VOTING BY INTERNET AND TELEPHONE FOR THE 2006 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, SO 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, such as voting by mail or by telephone, that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, SO 2001, Chapter 25, Section 8 gives the municipality the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this act;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, SO 2001, Chapter 25, Section 9(1)(a, b) states that Sections 8 and 11 shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, SO 2001, Chapter 25, Section 9(2) states that in the event of ambiguity in Sections 8 and 11, those sections shall be interpreted broadly to include, rather than exclude, municipal powers that existed on December 31, 2002;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta has authorized an agreement with Intelivote Systems Inc. for the provision of electronic voting services for the 2006 Municipal Election by Resolution Number 2006-111;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2006 Municipal Election using vote by Internet and vote by telephone methods to ensure greater accessibility of all voters to exercise their individual and democratic right;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta enacts as follows:

1. The alternative voting methods of "Vote by Internet" and "Vote by Telephone" are hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2006.
2. A Vote by Internet/Telephone information letter will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector. The kit will be mailed or directly provided to each qualified elector.
3. The Vote by Internet/Telephone information letter shall consist of a voting instruction sheet including a Personal Identification Number, a list of candidates and such other necessary material as the Municipal Clerk or his designate determines.
4. A polling station shall be established at the Municipal Office, 3560 County Road 26, Maynard on Election Day, November 13, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

5. An advance polling station shall be established at the Municipal Office on Monday, November 6th, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6. A polling station means a voting place under the supervision of a Deputy Returning Officer where electors may receive assistance to vote by Internet or telephone, or who may receive their ballots and deposit them directly into a ballot box.
7. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the Internet or telephone vote in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the policies and procedures authorized by this by-law on or before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 13, 2006.
8. No proxy voting provisions are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this by-law.
9. The voting period for Internet and telephone voting will commence at 9:30 a.m. on Monday November 6, 2006 and end at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Monday November 13, 2006.
10. The policies and procedures for the 2006 Municipal Election are attached hereto as Schedule "A" and shall be provided to each candidate no later than September 1, 2006 or, if nominated subsequent to that date, upon certification of the nomination by the Municipal Clerk.
11. Any person, corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practices or contravening the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or the policies and procedures as established in Schedule "A" to this by-law may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
12. This by-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.
13. Any by-law inconsistent to this by-law is hereby repealed.

READ a first time this 14th day of August 2006.

READ a second time this 14th day of August 2006.

READ a third time and passed this 14th day of August 2006.

REEVE

CAO/CLERK