

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PELEE

## By-Law No. 2022 – 10

Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2022 Municipal Election and the entering into of an agreement with Canada Post to provide Vote by Mail services.

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**WHEREAS** Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing an alternative voting method;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Pelee deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2022 Municipal Election using a vote by mail method and to contract with Canada Post to provide election services;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PELEE HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The alternative voting method of “Vote by Mail” is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2022.
2. A Vote by Mail Kit will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector. The Kit will either be mailed or directly provided to each qualified elector.
3. The Vote by Mail Kit shall consist of:
  - A voting instruction sheet
  - A composite ballot
  - Ballot secrecy Envelope
  - Return Envelope
  - Voter Declaration Form
  - Such other necessary material as the Municipal Clerk determines
4. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Municipal Office.
5. Ballot Return Station means a voting place under the supervision of a Deputy Returning Officer where electors, who prefer to deliver or have delivered their completed ballots, may deposit their ballots directly into the care of the Municipal Clerk rather than forwarding their ballots by mail.
6. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballots in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, and the procedures authorized by this By-Law and returning the completed ballots to the Municipal Clerk by mail or by deposit at a Ballot Return Station on or before 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day.

7. No proxy voting provisions or advance voting provisions other than Ballot Return Stations are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this By-Law.
8. The Municipal Clerk shall prepare procedures and rules for the vote by mail municipal election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate when their nomination paper is filed.
9. Any person, corporation, or trade union guilty of corrupt practices or contravening the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or the procedures and rules as established in paragraph 8 of this by-law may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
10. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreement with Canada Post to provide Vote by Mail services.
11. By-Law 2017 – 41 is hereby repealed.
11. This By-Law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME IN OPEN COUNCIL AND PASSED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2022.

Original Signed By:

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**MAYOR, Ray Durocher**

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**CAO/CLERK, Janice Hensel**