

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PELEE

By-Law No. 2017-41

Being a by-law to Authorize Voting by Mail for the Year 2018 Municipal Election

WHEREAS, Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act S.O. 1996, as amended 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 Year 2018 Municipal Election using a vote by mail method;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee enacts as follows;

1. The alternative voting method of voting by mail is hereby authorized for the 2018 Municipal Election.
2. In this By-Law words shall have the same meaning as defined or set out in the Municipal Elections Act 1996, and in addition, the following are defined:

“Advance Ballot Return Station” means a voting place under the supervision of the Clerk and/or Deputy Returning Officer where electors, who prefer to deliver or have delivered their completed ballot kit envelope, may deposit their ballot kit envelope prior to Voting Day directly into the care of the Clerk and/or the Deputy Returning Officer rather than forwarding same by mail.

“Return Ballot Kit Envelope” means the yellow return envelope containing the completed ballot (sealed inside the white secrecy envelope), and the voter declaration.

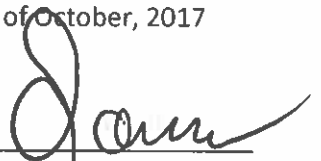
“Voting Day Ballot Return Station” means a voting place under the supervision of the Clerk and/or of a Deputy Returning Officer where electors, who prefer to deliver or have delivered their completed ballot kit envelope, may deposit their ballot kit envelope on Voting Day directly into the care of the Clerk and/or the Deputy Returning Officer rather than forwarding same by mail.

“Complete Voting Package” means the set of documents mailed to each elector at the elector’s 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:

- Voting instruction sheet
- Voter declaration form
- Ballot
- Outer delivery envelope
- Outer return envelope
- Secrecy envelope
- Such other necessary material as the Clerk may determine.

3. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballot in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act 1996 and the procedures authorized by this By-Law and returning the completed ballot kit envelope to the Clerk by mail, or by deposit at an Advance Ballot Return Station in accordance with the time lines set out in the Clerk's Rules and Procedures.
4. No proxy voting provisions are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this By-Law.
5. Approval is given for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract with a provider of vote by mail service.
6. Any person, Corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practice or contravention of the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act 1996 may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act 1996, Sections 89 to 94 inclusive.
7. This By-Law shall take full force and effect upon the final passage thereof.

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council this 16th day of October, 2017



Mayor, Richard Masse



CAO/Clerk, Katrina DiGiovanni