



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-28

Being a By-law to Authorize the use of Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2026 Municipal Election

WHEREAS section 8 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (hereinafter referred to as the “Municipal Act”) provides that the powers of a municipality under the Municipal Act or any other Act shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality’s ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS section 9. of the Municipal Act provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under the Municipal Act or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS section 11(2) of the Municipal Act provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting the matters set out therein;

AND WHEREAS section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c. 32 (hereinafter referred to as the “Municipal Elections Act”) provides that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws authorizing alternative voting methods, including internet and telephone voting and the use of vote and vote-counting equipment;

AND WHEREAS by motion no. GC15-25, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Huntsville deems it expedient to enact a by-law to authorize the use of internet and telephone as an alternative voting method(s) and the use of vote and vote-counting equipment for municipal elections;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That internet and telephone be authorized as alternative voting methods for the 2026 Municipal Election.
2. That the use of voting and vote-counting equipment be authorized for the 2026 Municipal Election.
3. That the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary agreements and other documents required in the conduct of the 2026 Municipal Election, including internet and telephone voting.
4. That this By-law shall come into force and effect as of the passing thereof.

Enacted and passed this 24th day of February 2025.

Mayor (Nancy Alcock)

Clerk (Tanya Calleja)