

Corporation of the Township of Douro-Dummer

By-law Number 2025-23

Being a By-law to authorize the use of voting and vote-counting equipment, the use of alternative voting methods and to authorize advance voting

Whereas Section 42 (1)(a) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, R.S.O., 1996, c.32, as amended (the Act), provides that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, authorize the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators;

And Whereas Section 42 (1)(b) of the Act provides that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, 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 Section 42 (2) of the Act provides that a by-law passed related to vote and vote-counting equipment and alternative voting methods applies to a regular election if the by-law is passed on or before May 1 in the year of the election;

And Whereas Section 42 (5) provides that when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, sections 43 (advance votes) and 44 (voting proxies) apply only if the by-law so specifies;

And Whereas through Resolution No. 154-2025 Council authorized the use of voting and vote-counting equipment and alternative voting methods for the 2026 municipal election;

Now Therefore the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Douro-Dummer enacts as follows:

1. That the use of voting and vote-counting equipment shall be authorized for the 2026 municipal election, including an advance vote.
2. That the use of alternative voting methods shall be authorized for the 2026 municipal election, including an advance vote.
3. That the use of internet voting, telephone voting and paper ballot tabulation shall be authorized for the 2026 municipal election, including an advance vote.
4. As this By-law authorizes the use of an alternative voting method, sections 43 (advanced votes) and 44 (voting proxies) of the Act do not apply.
5. That this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the day it is passed.

Passed in open Council this 3rd day of June, 2025.

Mayor, Heather Watson

Clerk, Martina Chait-Hartwig