

TOWN OF PORT HAWKESBURY

A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE VOTING BY TELEPHONE / INTERNET FOR THE 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS Subsection 146A(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1989 R.S.N.S c300, as amended, states that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws to authorize voters to vote by mail, electronically or by another voting method; and

WHEREAS Subsection 146A(3)(ca) of the Municipal Elections Act, 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 telephone, via Internet, or by another electronic means, including a combination of different electronic means that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Port Hawkesbury wishes to adopt the process of voting by Telephone / Internet to ensure greater accessibility for all voters to exercise their individual and democratic right to vote:

NOW THEREFORE THE TOWN OF PORT HAWKESBURY OF THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS, BY ITS COUNCIL, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Municipal Election process for the Saturday, October 17, 2020 election utilizes the alternative voting method known as "Voting by Telephone / Internet".
2. That the electronic voting period shall be available for the advance vote and for Election Day and run from Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time) and terminate on Election Day, Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (Daylight Savings Time).
3. That for clarity, while electronic voting will be open for twelve (12) days (October 6 -17, 2020), the traditional method of paper ballots will also be available 8:00 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time) and terminate at 7:00 p.m. (Daylight Savings Time) for advanced polls on Saturday, October 10, 2020 and Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and on Election Day, Saturday, October 17, 2020.
4. That the Mayor and the CAO be, and they are hereby authorized to execute all and any documents to give effect to these presents.

ANNOTATION

Date of First Reading: _____

Dates of Advertisement of Notice of Intent to Consider: _____

Date of Second Reading: _____

Dates of Advertisement of By-law Passage and Approval: _____

Date of Mailing Certified Copy to Nova Scotia
Department of Municipal Affairs: _____

I certify that the By-Law To Authorize The Voting By Telephone /Internet For The 2020
Municipal Election was adopted by Town Council at a Public Meeting held _____

Terry Doyle P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer

Date