

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

By-law # 2017-031

Being a By-law to Re-enact provisions respecting Voting by Telephone and Internet, Use of French in Forms, Notices and Other Information, Extended Voting Hours on Voting Day and for Advance Votes held prior to the Voting Day as provided under the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.


WHEREAS Subsection 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996 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 mail or by telephone, that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell now deems it necessary and appropriate to authorize the use of voting by telephone and by Internet to ensure greater accessibility of all voters to exercise their individual and democratic right; now therefore be it

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT** the election process for the 2018 municipal elections be in the form of the alternative voting method known as "Voting by telephone and Internet"; and
2. **THAT** all prescribed forms under the *Municipal Elections Act*, S.O., 1996 shall be provided in French, in addition to English; and
3. **THAT** all forms (other than those prescribed), notices and other information shall be provided in French, in addition to English; and
4. **THAT** telephone and internet voting shall be provided in French, in addition to English, as selected at the time of voting by the electors; and
5. **THAT** the voting hours on the prescribed voting day, being the 4th Monday of October, shall be extended to be held from 12:01 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time), to 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time); and
6. **THAT** an advance vote by telephone and by internet shall be held from the Wednesday preceding the prescribed voting day, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) to Sunday, the day immediately preceding the prescribed voting day, at the hour of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) (Eastern Standard Time).
7. **THAT** By-law 43-2014 and any other by-law or part thereof inconsistent to this by-law is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS
18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.



Pierre Leroux
Mayor



Joanne Camiré Laflamme
Clerk