

**The Corporation of the Township of  
Guelph/Eramosa**

**By-law Number 02/2026**

**A By-law to authorize Vote-By-Mail for the  
2026 Municipal Election and the entering  
into an agreement with DataFix and Election Systems &  
Software Canada to provide Vote-By-Mail services, and to  
repeal and replace By-law 28-2025.**

**WHEREAS** Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing the use of vote-counting equipment and/or electors to use an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

**AND WHEREAS** Council deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2026 Municipal Election using a Vote By Mail method, to authorize the use of vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes and to enter into agreements with DataFix and Election Systems & Software Canada to provide election services;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa hereby enacts as follows:

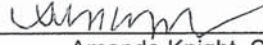
1. The voting method of "Vote-By-Mail" is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2026.
2. A Vote-By-Mail Kit will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector. The Kit will either be mailed or directly provided to each qualified elector.
3. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballots in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, and the procedures authorized by this By-law and returning the completed ballots to the Clerk or designate by mail or by deposit at a Ballot Return Station on or before 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day.
8. The Clerk shall prepare procedures and rules for the Vote-By-Mail Municipal Election and provide these procedures no later than June 1, 2026.
9. Any person, Corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practices or contravening the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or the procedures and rules as established in paragraph 8 of this by-law may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
9. That Council authorizes the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes for the 2026 Municipal Election.
10. The Head of Council and Clerk are herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreements with DataFix and Election Systems & Software Canada to provide Vote-By-Mail services.
11. This By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.
12. That By-law 28/2025 be repealed.

READ three times and finally passed  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026.



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Chris White, Mayor



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Amanda Knight, Clerk