The Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa

By-law Number 23/2021

A By-law to authorize Vote-By-Mail for the 2022 Municipal Election and the entering into an agreement with DataFix to provide Vote-By-Mail services.

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 2022 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 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 2022.
- 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, 2022.
- 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 2022 Municipal Election.
- 10. The Head of Council and Clerk are herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreements with DataFix to provide Vote-By-Mail services.
- 11. This By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

READ three times and finally passed this **3rd** day of **May**, **2021**.

Chris White, Mayor

Amanda Knight, Clerk

The Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa

By-law Number 24/2021

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa at its Regular meeting of Council held on the 3rd day of May, 2021.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended,* the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its council; and

WHEREAS by Section 247 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended,* the powers of every Council are to be exercised by its by-laws; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa at their meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

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

- 1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa at its meeting held on the 3rd day of May, 2021 in respect of each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa at its meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-law.
- 2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa referred to in the preceding section hereof.
- 3. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the seal of the Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa.

READ three times and finally passed this **3**rd day of **May**, **2021**.

Chris White, Mayor

Amanda Knight, Clerk