

The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-Law 26-22

A By-Law to authorize the use of alternative voting methods, namely internet voting (also known as online voting), for the By-election being held in the City of Richmond Hill to fill the vacancy in the Office of Ward 4 Councillor

Whereas Council at its meeting on June 9, 2021 passed By-law 74-21 authorizing the use of optical scan tabulators and paper ballots for all municipal elections and By-elections held in the City of Richmond Hill; and

And Whereas clause 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c.32, as amended (the “Act”), permits Council of a local municipality to pass by-laws authorizing eligible voters 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 Council at its meeting on February 9, 2022, considered Staff Report SRCFS.22.003, and declared the Office of Ward 4 Councillor vacant;

And Whereas Council at its Meeting on February 9, 2022, considered Staff Report SRCFS.22.004 and passed By-law 25-21, being a By-law requiring a By-election to fill the vacancy in the Office of Ward 4 Councillor;

And Whereas clause 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c.32, as amended (the “Act”), permits Council of a local municipality to pass by-laws authorizing eligible voters 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 Council at its Meeting on February 9, 2022, also directed that a By-law 26-22, being a by-law authorizing Internet Voting (also known as online voting) as the only voting method for the By-election being held to fill the vacancy in the Office of Ward 4 Councillor be passed.

Now Therefore The Council Of The Corporation Of The City Of Richmond Hill Enacts As Follows:

1. That, pursuant to clause 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c.32, as amended, Council authorizes the use of Internet Voting, also known as online voting, as the voting method for the By-election being held in the City of Richmond Hill to fill the vacancy in the Office of Ward 4 Councillor.
2. That By-law 74-21, being a By-Law to authorize the use of voting and vote counting equipment, namely optical scan vote tabulators, for municipal and school board elections and by-elections, shall not apply to the By-election being held in the City of Richmond Hill to fill the vacancy in the Office of Ward 4 Councillor.

Passed this 9th day of February, 2022.

David West
Mayor

Stephen M.A. Huycke
City Clerk