

The Corporation of the City of Kenora

By-law Number 123 - 2025

A By-law to Authorize Voting by Internet/Telephone for the 2026 Municipal Election

Whereas Section 42(2) of The Municipal Elections Act, R.S.O., 1996 as amended, provides that a Municipal Council may pass a by-law authorizing an alternative voting method on or before May 1 in the year of election; and

Whereas Section 42, Subsection 5 of The Municipal Elections Act, R.S.O., 1996 as amended, provides that where a Municipal Council authorizes an alternative voting method, that Section 44 (voting proxies) shall not apply unless so specified; and

Whereas Council deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2026 municipal election using a vote by internet/telephone method to provide voting services;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby enacts as follows:-

1. That the use of voting by internet/telephone as an alternative voting method is hereby authorized for the 2026 municipal election;
2. That the Clerk be directed to secure an agreement with an appropriate service provider for the provision of internet/telephone voting services;
3. That voting proxies shall not apply to the 2026 municipal election;
4. That the Clerk be authorized to establish appropriate procedures for voting by internet/telephone for the 2026 municipal election;
5. That any person, corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practice or contravention of the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, R.S.O., 1996, as amended, may be persecuted pursuant to the provisions of said Act, Sections 89 to 94 inclusive;
6. That this By-law shall take effect and come into force upon third and final reading thereof.

By-law read a First and Second Time this 16th day of September, 2025

By-law read a Third and Final Time this 16th day of September, 2025

The Corporation of the City of Kenora:-

Andrew Poirier, Mayor

Heather L. Pihulak, City Clerk

By signing this bylaw on September 17, 2025, Mayor Andrew Poirier will not exercise the power to veto this bylaw.