

The Corporation of The Township of Wollaston

By-Law No. 18-2022

A by-law to enter into an agreement with Intelivote Systems Inc. for voting by telephone and internet for the 2022 municipal elections

Whereas the **Municipal Elections Act**, S.O. 1996, Subsection 42(1)(b) 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 **Municipal Act 2001**, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 8 gives the municipality the capacity, rights, powers, and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this Act; and

Whereas the **Municipal Act 2001**, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 9(a, b) states that Sections 8 and 11 shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues; and

Whereas the **Municipal Act 2001**, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 9(2) states that in the event of ambiguity in Sections 8 and 11, those sections shall be interpreted broadly to include, rather than exclude, municipal powers that existed on December 31, 2002; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wollaston by By-law No. 32-2021 authorized an alternative voting method; and

Whereas the Council of the Township of Wollaston deem it necessary and appropriate to enter into an agreement with Intelivote Systems Inc. for the purpose of providing the alternative method of voting, being "Voting by Telephone/ Internet", to ensure greater accessibility of all voters to exercise their individual and democratic right.

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Stirling-Rawdon enacts as follows:

1. That the Corporation of the Township of Wollaston enter into an agreement with Intelivote Systems Inc., the agreement for the purpose of providing the alternative method of voting as authorized by Council.
2. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement.
3. That any by-law inconsistent to this by-law is hereby repealed.

PASSED this 14th day of March 2022.

MAYOR: LYNN KRUGER

SEAL

CLERK: BERNICE CROCKER