

The Corporation of the

Municipality of West Grey

Bylaw No. 40-2021

Being a bylaw to authorize the use of telephone and internet voting as an alternative voting method for 2022 municipal elections for the Municipality of West Grey.

Whereas Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

Whereas the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, section 42(1) provides that the council of a local municipality may pass bylaws authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators, and authorizing electors to use alternative voting method(s) that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote; and

Whereas the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, section 42(2) provides that a bylaw passed under section 42(1) or under a predecessor of it applies to a regular election if the bylaw is passed on or before May 1 in the year of the election, and applies to a by-election if the bylaw is passed more than 60 days before voting day;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. That the alternative voting methods of internet and telephone voting are hereby authorized for the 2022 municipal elections in the Municipality of West Grey, including for the advanced voting period.
- 2. That the alternative voting methods of internet and telephone voting are hereby authorized for and any by-elections, as required, between the regular 2022 municipal elections and the next regular municipal elections.
- 3. That no proxy voting provisions shall be applicable at the municipal elections conducted in accordance with this bylaw.
- 4. That the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to secure an agreement with an appropriate service provider for the provision of internet/telephone voting services for the 2022 municipal and school board elections.
- 5. That this bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon the date of final passing.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 18th day of May, 2021.

Mayor Christine Robinson

Clerk Genevieve Scharback