



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA BY-LAW NUMBER 2492

BEING a By-Law to authorize voting by mail for the 2003 Municipal Election and subsequent years and the entering into of an agreement with Canada Post to provide Vote By Mail services

WHEREAS section 12 (1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* states that A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matter or procedure that is in the clerk's opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election

AND WHEREAS Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that a Municipal Council may pass a By-Law authorizing an alternative voting method;

AND WHEREAS Council and the Clerk deem it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the Municipal Election using a vote by mail method and to contract with Canada Post to provide election services;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The alternative voting method of "Vote by Mail" is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2003 and subsequent years
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. The Vote by Mail Kit shall consist of:
 - A voting instruction sheet
 - A composite ballot
 - An inner ballot envelope
 - A security slip
 - An outer return envelope
 - Such other necessary material as the CAO Clerk Treasurer determines
4. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Township Office (3560 County Road 26) on the following dates and times:
 - (a) The first Saturday in November from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - (b) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday prior to Election Day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - (c) Wednesday prior to Election Day from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - (d) Election Day from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
5. Ballot Return Station means a voting place under the supervision of a Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer where electors, who prefer to deliver or have delivered their completed ballots, may deposit their ballots directly into the care of the CAO Clerk Treasurer rather than forwarding their ballots by mail.
6. 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 CAO Clerk Treasurer by mail or by deposit at a Ballot Return Station on or before 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day.
7. No proxy voting provisions or advance voting provisions other than Ballot Return Stations are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this by-law.

8. The CAO Clerk Treasurer shall prepare procedures and rules for the vote by mail municipal election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate no later than August 29, 2003.
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*.
10. The Reeve and CAO Clerk Treasurer are herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreement with Canada Post to provide Vote By Mail services.
11. This By-Law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

READ a first time this 10th day of March 2003

READ a second time this 10th day of March 2003

READ a third and final time passed and sealed this 10th day of March 2003

REEVE

CAO CLERK TREASURER

