



City of  
Peterborough

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## The Corporation of the City of Peterborough

### By-Law Number 25-102

Being a By-law to authorize the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes at the 2026 Municipal Election, and the use of Internet Voting as an alternative voting method and to authorize advance voting for use in the 2026 Municipal Election

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**Whereas** Section 42 of the **Municipal Elections Act, 1996**, provides that the Council of a Municipality may, by by-law, authorize the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes at Municipal Elections;

**And Whereas** Section 42 of the **Municipal Elections Act, 1996**, provides that the Council may, by by-law, authorize the use of an alternate voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

**And Whereas** Section 42 of the **Municipal Elections Act, 1996**, provides that when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, sections 43 (advance votes) and 44 (voting proxies) apply only if the by-law so specifies;

**And Whereas** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough considers it desirable to pass such a by-law;

**Now Therefore**, The Corporation of the City of Peterborough by the Council thereof hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes at municipal elections and the use of Internet voting as an alternative voting method that doesn't require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote is hereby authorized for the 2026 Election in the City of Peterborough.
2. That section 43 (advance votes) of the **Municipal Election Act, 1996** is applicable in the 2026 Municipal Election in the City of Peterborough with the earliest date being September 26, 2026.
3. That By-law Number 22-009 is hereby repealed.
4. That this by-law shall come into full force and take effect as of the date of its passing.

By-law passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.

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Jeff Leal, Mayor

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John Kennedy, City Clerk