

A by-law to authorize the use of voting and vote counting equipment to facilitate the 2022 Municipal Election in the City of Mississauga

WHEREAS subsection 42(1)(a) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing the use of voting and vote counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators for the purposes of accessible voting and counting votes for a municipal election;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the City of Mississauga ("Council") wishes to authorize voting and vote counting equipment for the 2022 municipal election;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga hereby **ENACTS** as follows:

PART 1 - DEFINITIONS

- 1. For the purposes of this By-law:
 - "Advance Vote" shall mean any advance vote before Voting Day in accordance with section 43 of the MEA;
 - "MEA" shall mean the Municipal Elections Act, 1996;
 - "Regular Election" shall mean the regular election held in 2022 as defined in section 4 of the MEA; and
 - **"Voting Day"** shall mean the day on which the final vote is to be taken in the Regular Election as defined in section 5 of the *MEA* or 45 days after nomination day for a by-election held in the 2022-2026 term in accordance with section 65 of the *MEA*, depending on the context.

PART 2 - VOTING AND VOTE COUNTING EQUIPMENT

- 2. Optical Scanning Vote tabulators, as developed by Election Systems and Software (ES&S) shall be authorized for use for any Advance Vote and on Voting Day.
- 3. Accessible voting machines as developed by Election Systems and Software (ES&S) shall be authorized for use for any Advance Vote for the 2022 municipal election.

PART 3 - PROCEDURES AND FORMS

- 4. The City Clerk shall establish procedures and forms for all voting and vote counting equipment as authorized by this By-law by June 1, 2022 for the Regular Election or in the case of a by-election, at least 60 days before the first day on which an elector can vote. The City Clerk shall provide a copy of these procedures and forms to each candidate.
- 5. The procedures and forms described in section 4 of this By-law, if they are consistent with the principles of the *MEA*, prevail over anything in the *MEA* and the regulations made under it.

PART 4 - SCOPE

6. This By-law applies to the Regular Election if enacted and passed on or before May 1, 2022 and applies to a by-election if the by-law is passed more than 60 days before Voting Day.

ENACTED and PASSED this 23rd day of March , 2022.

Approved by Legal Services City Solicitor City of Mississauga

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ACTING MAYOR

CLERK