

A by-law to authorize the use of voting
and vote counting equipment and an alternative
voting method to facilitate the Regular Election and
any by-election held in the 2026 to 2030 term 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;

AND WHEREAS subsection 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method, such as voting by mail or telephone, that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

AND WHEREAS on April 15, 2026, the Council for The Corporation of the City of Mississauga passed Resolution _____ approving General Committee Recommendation _____ to enact a by-law to authorize the use of certain voting and vote counting equipment during the Regular Election and any by-election held in the 2026 to 2030 term and to authorize the implementation of a Vote From Home Pilot Program as an alternative voting method for the Regular Election and any by-election held in the 2026 to 2030 term;

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

PART 1 - DEFINITIONS

1. For the purposes of this By-law:

“**Advance Vote**” means any advance vote before Voting Day in accordance with section 43 of the MEA;

“**MEA**” means the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched.;

“**Regular Election**” means the regular election held in 2026 as defined in section 4 of the MEA;

“**Vote From Home Pilot Program**” means a program that allows eligible voters who are physically unable to go to a voting location and are unable to appoint someone to act as a voting proxy to vote from their home; and

“**Voting Day**” means 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 2026-2030 term in accordance with section 65 of the MEA, depending on the context.

PART 2 - VOTING AND VOTE COUNTING EQUIPMENT / ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHOD

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.

4. That an alternative voting method, being a Vote From Home Pilot Program be implemented to allow voters who meet eligibility requirements as specified in the program procedures to vote from their homes and that the Vote From Home Pilot Program be authorized for use on specific Advance Vote dates as designated by the City Clerk.
5. Sections 43 (advance votes) and 44 (proxies) of the MEA apply to the alternative voting method outlined in section 4 of this By-law.

PART 3 - PROCEDURES AND FORMS

6. The City Clerk shall establish procedures and forms for the use of any voting and vote counting equipment and any alternative voting method as authorized by this By-law on or before June 1, 2026 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.
7. In accordance with section 42 of the MEA, the procedures and forms described in section 6 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

8. This By-law applies to the Regular Election if enacted and passed on or before May 1, 2026, and applies to a by-election if the by-law is passed more than 60 days before Voting Day.

ENACTED and PASSED this 15th day of April, 2026.

Approved by Legal Services City Solicitor City of Mississauga

Nupur Kotecha
Date: March 10, 2026
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_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK