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| <br>COBOURG | THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG |
|                                                                                              | BY-LAW NUMBER 027-2025                 |

**BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS (INTERNET) IN THE 2026 TOWN OF COBOURG SCHOOL BOARD AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SIMPLY VOTING INC. FOR ALTERNATIVE VOTING SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS** subsection 42 (1) (b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched., as amended, (“MEA”) provides that The council of a local municipality may pass by-laws authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method, such as voting by mail or by telephone, that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote; and

**WHEREAS** on April 3, 2006, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg enacted By-law No. 27-2006 to authorize the use of telephone and internet voting at municipal elections as the first election to introduce alternative voting methods; and

**WHEREAS** Council deems is expedient and necessary to employ internet voting for the 2026 School Board and municipal election; and

**WHEREAS** section 42 (3) of the MEA provides the clerk shall:

- (a) establish procedures and forms for the use of:
  - (i) any voting and vote-counting equipment authorized by by-law, and
  - (ii) any alternative voting method authorized by by-law; and
- (b) provide a copy of the procedures and forms to each candidate when his or her nomination is filed; and

**WHEREAS** it is deemed advisable to continue building on the successful integrated voting solution delivered during the 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, and 2022 municipal elections.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the use of electronic voting by internet as an alternative voting method is hereby authorized in respect of the school board and municipal election to be held in 2026 pursuant to the provisions of the MEA; and
2. That the Clerk shall establish the procedures and required forms for the alternative voting methods and electronic vote counting equipment in accordance with ss. 42 (3) of the MEA; and
3. That the counting of ballots by electronic methods, in keeping with the voting method, is hereby authorized; and

4. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to execute on behalf of the Corporation an agreement with Simply Voting Inc. for the provision of internet voting services for the 2026 Municipal Election.

READ and finally passed in Open Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

“Lucas Cleveland”

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Lucas Cleveland, Mayor

“Kristina Lepik”

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Kristina Lepik, Deputy Clerk