THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM BY-LAW 2022-12

Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2022 Municipal Election and entering into agreements with the supplier and Canada Post to provide Vote By Mail Services.

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 deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2022 and all future Municipal Elections using a Vote By Mail method until this bylaw is repealed, and to contract with a supplier and Canada Post to provide election services;

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

- 1. The alternative voting method of "Vote by Mail" is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2022.
- 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 coded with the Ward
 - . A security slip
 - . An outer return envelope
 - . Such other necessary material as the Municipal Clerk determines
- 4. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Municipal Office, located at 2847 Chiswick Line on the following dates and times:
 - i. The full week prior to election day, Monday to Friday during regular office hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
 - ii. On Voting Day, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 5. Ballot Return Station means a voting place under the supervision of a 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 Municipal Clerk rather than forwarding their ballots by mail. Ballots can be returned in the Municipal Office mail slot as it is secured inside the building.
- 6. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballots in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, and the procedures authorized by this Bylaw and returning the completed ballots to the Municipal Clerk 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 Municipal Clerk shall prepare procedures and rules for the vote by mail Municipal Election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate once certified.
- 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 Municipal Clerk is herewith authorized to sign the necessary Agreements with the supplier and 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, second and third time and passed this 22nd day of February, 2022.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond