

## The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

### By-law Number 2025-054

A By-law to authorize the use of internet voting, the use of vote-counting equipment, and advance voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections

**Whereas** Section 42(1)(a) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may, by by-law, authorize the use of vote counting equipment for the purpose of counting votes at municipal and school board elections;

**And Whereas** Section 42(1)(b) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, provides that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws authorizing electors to use alternative voting methods;

**And whereas** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle, at its meeting held April 8, 2025, deemed it appropriate to conduct the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections using an internet voting method;

**And whereas** providers of electronic voting services utilize vote counting equipment to tally votes securely and accurately;

**And whereas** Section 43 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, provides for the holding of advanced voting in a municipal election;

**Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of LaSalle hereby enacts as follows:**

1. **That** the use of an alternative voting method, specifically internet voting, is hereby authorized for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections.
2. **That** proxy voting shall not apply to the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections in accordance with this By-law.
3. **That** the use of vote counting equipment is hereby authorized for the purpose of counting votes cast in the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections.
4. **That** advance voting shall apply in the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections, and such voting shall be carried out using the same alternative voting method of internet voting.
5. **That** the Clerk shall establish procedures and rules for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections conducted by internet voting, and shall make the procedures available no later than June 1, 2026.
6. **That** the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with a qualified service provider for the provision of internet voting services.
7. **This** By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

**Read** a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

1st Reading – June 10, 2025.

2nd Reading – June 10, 2025.

3rd Reading – June 10, 2025.

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Mayor

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Clerk