

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

BY-LAW NO. XX-2025

A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF VOTE TABULATORS AND
ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS (INTERNET VOTING) FOR THE
2026 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS Section 42(1)(a) and (b) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched. as amended, provides that a Council of a local Municipality, may by By-Law, authorize the use of vote-counting equipment such as optical scanning vote tabulators and the use of alternative voting methods that do not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote (Internet voting); and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thorold at its Regular Meeting of Council on January 14, 2025, authorized the use of vote tabulators and alternative voting methods (internet voting) for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That the use of optical scan vote tabulators and accessible voting equipment for the purpose of counting votes is hereby authorized in accordance with Section 42(1)(a) of the *Municipal Elections Act* for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections; and
2. That the use of internet voting as an alternative voting method is hereby authorized in accordance with Section 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act* for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections; and
3. That the use of advanced voting and proxy voting be authorized in accordance with Section 42(5) of the *Municipal Elections Act* for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections; and
4. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the 14th day of January, 2025.

Terry Ugolini, Mayor

Nicholas Debono, City Clerk