



## The Corporation of the Town of Pelham

By-law No. 24-2025

### **Being a By-law to Authorize the Use of Alternative Voting and Vote-Counting Methods.**

**WHEREAS** section 42(1)(a) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as amended (the "Act"), provides that a municipal council may enact 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** section 42(1)(b) of the Act also provides that a municipal council may enact a by-law authorizing alternative voting methods that do not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote;

**AND WHEREAS** the Act requires that the by-law apply to a regular election if the by-law is passed on or before May 1 in the year of the election;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham enacts as follows:

1. The use of Internet Voting is hereby authorized as an alternative voting method to in-person voting for the purposes of the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections, including the advance voting period.
2. The use of optical scan vote tabulators is hereby authorized for use in the counting of paper ballots.
3. By-law 4401(2021) be and is hereby repealed and replaced.

#### **4. Effective Date**

- 4.1. This By-law shall come into force on the date that it is enacted.

Read, enacted, signed and sealed this 07th day of May, 2025.

Marvin Junkin, Mayor

Sarah Conidi, Deputy Clerk