

**The Corporation of the Township of Southgate**  
**By-law Number 2022-037**

being a By-law to authorize the use of alternative  
voting methods and to authorize advance voting for municipal elections

**Whereas** Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act 1996, R.S.O., 1996, c.32, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may, by by-law, authorize alternative voting methods and vote counting equipment; and

**Whereas** Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act 1996, R.S.O., 1996, c.32, as amended, provides the authority for the council of a local municipality to pass by-laws authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote; and

**Whereas** Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act 1996, R.S.O., 1996, c.32, as amended, provides that when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, Section 43 (Advance Voting) applies only if the by-law so specifies; and

**Whereas** the Council of the Township of Southgate deems it appropriate and in the public interest to utilize vote by internet and vote by telephone as the method of conducting municipal elections,

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate enacts as follows:

1. **That** alternative voting methods are hereby authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act; and
2. **That** electronic vote-counting equipment is hereby authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act; and
3. **That** the Clerk shall establish procedures and required forms for the alternative voting methods and electronic vote-counting equipment in accordance with Section 42 (3) of the Municipal Elections Act; and
4. **That** the use of internet and telephone voting is considered to include an advanced vote and therefore Section 43 of the Municipal Elections Act 1996, R.S.O., 1996, c.32, as amended, requirements do not apply; and
5. **That** By-law 2021-037 is hereby repealed; and
6. **That** this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of its passage.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.**

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**John Woodbury – Mayor**

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**Lindsey Green - Clerk**