

**The Corporation of the Township of Southgate**  
**By-law Number 2024-154**

being a By-law to authorize the use of internet and telephone voting as an alternative voting methods for the 2026 municipal elections

**Whereas** Section 42(1)(b) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, 5.0, 1996, c.32, Sched., as amended, provides that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws to authorizes electors to use an alternative voting method, that does not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote; and

**Whereas** Section 42(5) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, provides that when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, Section 43 (advance votes) applies only if the by-law to 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; and

**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** 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.**

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**Brian Milne – Mayor**

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**Lindsey Green - Clerk**