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BY-LAW NO. 2021-XX

A by-law of the City of Ottawa to authorize the use of an alternative voting method for the Ward 4 (Kanata North) By-election.

WHEREAS Subsection 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws authorizing the use of an alternative voting method, such as voting by mail, that does not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote; and

WHEREAS Subsection 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, that Section 43 (advance vote) and Section 44 (voting proxies) shall only apply if the by-law so specifies; and

WHEREAS due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Ottawa deems it in the interest of the City to pass a by-law to authorize electors to use an alternative voting method, being a Special Mail-in Ballot which may be returned by mail and does not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote;

THEREFORE the Council of the City of Ottawa enacts as follows:

1. The Council hereby authorizes electors to use an alternative voting method for the Ward 4 (Kanata North) By-election, being a Special Mail-in Ballot established by the City Clerk which must be returned to the Elections Office or the Kanata Client Service Centre by 4:30 pm on January 24, 2022.
2. The City Clerk shall determine the dates, hours and locations during which the advance vote is held and shall establish the criteria for voting proxies to authorize proxy voting at a voting place but not proxy voting for the Special Mail-in Ballot.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 13th day of October, 2021.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

