

Document 1 - *By-law to Authorize the Use of an Alternative Voting Method*

BY-LAW NO. 2022-XX

A by-law of the City of Ottawa to authorize the use of an alternative voting method for the 2022 Municipal Elections and any by-elections that may occur during the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

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, 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 2022 Municipal Elections and any by-elections that may occur during the 2022-2026 Term of Council, being a Special Mail-in Ballot established by the City Clerk.
2. The City Clerk shall determine the dates, times, and locations at which the Special Main-in Ballot must be received in order to be counted in accordance with the Vote Counting Procedures established for the 2022 Municipal Elections and any by-elections that may occur during the 2022-2026 Term of Council.
3. 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 9th day of March, 2022.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Enacted by City Council at its meeting of
March 9, 2022

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COUNCIL AUTHORITY:
City Council March 9, 2022