

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 9729-25**

A by-law to authorize the use of alternative voting methods and voting counting equipment for the 2026 City of Woodstock Municipal and School Board Election.

**WHEREAS** Section 42(1)(a) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended*, provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators; and, attend at a voting place in order to vote.

**WHEREAS** Section 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended*, provides that the municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method, such as voting by mail or by telephone, that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock enacts as follows:

1. That the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes in the 2026 City of Woodstock Municipal and School Board Election be hereby authorized.
2. That internet (online) voting be authorized as an alternative voting method in the 2026 City of Woodstock Municipal and School Board Election.
3. That this By-law comes into force on the date of its enactment.

**READ a first and second time this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.**

**READ a third time and finally passed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.**

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**Mayor – Jerry Acchione**

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**City Clerk – Amelia Humphries**