

**The Corporation of the Town of Minto
By-law 2017-26**

to authorize voting by Vote-by-Mail for the 2018 Municipal and School Board
Election and to authorize the use of Vote-By-Mail services and vote counting by
Personnel

WHEREAS Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996 provides that a municipal council may pass by-laws authorizing the use of voting and vote counting equipment and electors to use an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it expedient and necessary to employ Vote by Mail Voting for the 2018 school board and municipal election;

NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MINTO HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The alternative voting method of "Vote-by-Mail" is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2018;
2. A Vote-by-Mail Kit will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector. The Kit will either be mailed or directly provided to each qualified elector.
3. The Vote-by-Mail Kit shall consist of:
 - a) An outer white envelope;
 - b) A voting instruction sheet;
 - c) A yellow ballot return envelope;
 - d) A voter declaration;
 - e) An inner white secrecy envelope;
 - f) A composite ballot;
 - g) Such other necessary material as the Municipal Clerk determines.
4. That the C.A.O. Clerk/Returning Officer is authorized to determine the length of the voting period, including advanced voting.
5. That the counting of ballots by election personnel, in keeping with the voting method, is hereby authorized.
6. The C.A.O. Clerk is herewith authorized to sign any necessary agreements.
7. This By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.
8. By-law 2013-98 is hereby repealed.

Read a first, second, third time and passed in open Council this 21st day of March 2017.

Mayor - George A. Bridge

C.A.O. Clerk - Bill White