

The Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith

By-Law No. 08 - 2017

Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2018 Municipal Election

WHEREAS Section 42 of the Municipal Election Act, 1996, as amended, provides that a Municipal Council may pass a By-Law authorizing an alternative voting method;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2018 Municipal Election using a vote by mail method;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith 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. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Municipal Office, 31 William St., Sprucedale, on the dates and times to be designated in the procedures and rules for the vote by mail municipal election.
4. Ballot Return Station means a voting place under the supervision of a Deputy Returning Officer where electors, who prefer to deliver or have delivered their completed ballots, may deposit their ballots directly into the care of the Municipal Clerk rather than forwarding their ballots by mail.
5. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballots in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, and the procedures authorized by this By-law and returning the completed ballots to the municipal Clerk by mail or by deposit at a Ballot Return Station on or before 8:00p.m. on Voting Day.
6. No proxy voting provisions or advance voting provisions other than Ballot Return Stations are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this by-law.
7. The Municipal Clerk shall prepare procedures and rules for the vote by mail municipal election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate no later than December 31, 2017.
8. Any person, corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practices or contravening the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or the procedures and rules as established in paragraph 8 of this by-law may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
9. The Reeve and Municipal Clerk are herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreements to provide Vote By Mail services.
10. By-law 01-2014 is hereby repealed and this By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

Received FIRST and SECOND READING this 3rd day of April, 2017

Received THIRD Reading and PASSED this 3rd day of April, 2017

Original Signed by Joanne Griffiths
Reeve

Original Signed by Cheryl Marshall
Clerk