

**BY- LAW NUMBER 49-26**

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT**

To authorize the use of internet voting for the purposes of casting and counting votes for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, including the advance vote.

**WHEREAS** Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, provides that the Council of a Municipality may, by by-law, authorize the use of alternate voting methods for the purposes of casting counting votes at Municipal Elections;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, provides that when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, Section 43 (advance votes) apply only if the by-law so specifies;

**AND WHEREAS** at its meeting of November 26, 2024, the County of Brant Council approved internet voting as the voting method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant considers it desirable to pass a by-law to authorize the use of internet voting with respect to the 2026 municipal election for all positions, including school board representation;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

1. **THAT** the use of internet voting for the purposes of casting and counting votes at the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election is hereby authorized.
2. **THAT** this direction be applicable for all advanced and regular election voting days for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.
3. **THAT** the Clerk prepare any and all procedures and forms required to implement internet voting before June 1, 2026, in accordance with Section 42 (3) and (4) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
4. **THAT** this by-law shall come into force and effect immediately upon the passing thereof and shall remain in force only for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.

**READ** a first and second time, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

**READ** a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT**

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David Bailey, Mayor

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Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk