



BY-LAW 2025/72

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS (INTERNET AND TELEPHONE) FOR THE 2026 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS section 42(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, (the Act) provides that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators, and authorizing electors to use alternative voting methods;

AND WHEREAS section 42(2) of the Act provides that a by-law passed under section 42(1) or under a predecessor of it, applies to a regular election if the by-law is passed on or before May 1 in the year of the election, and applies to a by-election if the by-law is passed more than 60 days before voting day;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing was presented a report at its meeting held on September 2, 2025, recommending internet and telephone as the voting method for the 2026 Election;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing deems it desirable and appropriate to utilize vote by internet and telephone as the methods for conducting the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing hereby enacts as follows:

1. That internet and telephone voting is hereby authorized as an alternative voting method for the 2026 Municipality of West Nipissing Municipal and School Board Election;
2. That By-law 2022/05, is hereby rescinded.
3. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of final passing thereof.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 16th day of September, 2025.

KATHLEEN THORNE-ROCHON
MAYOR

MELANIE DUCHARME
CLERK