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The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington

By-law 2019-003

Being a by-law to authorize the use of internet and telephone voting at Municipal Elections.

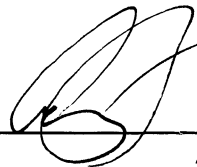
Whereas Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, provides that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws authorizing the use of voting and vote counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators and other voting methods that do not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington deems it appropriate and in the public interest to use internet and telephone voting for municipal elections;

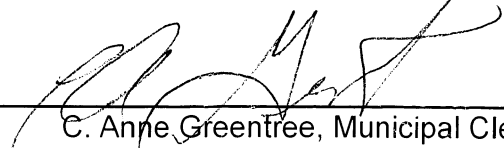
Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington enacts as follows:

1. The use of internet and telephone voting is hereby authorized for the purpose of voting during an early voting period, up to and including Voting Day, for municipal elections in Clarington.
2. That, in the event that an acceptable and affordable system for internet and telephone voting cannot be procured to the satisfaction of the Municipal Clerk, the following is authorized:
 - a. the use of automated vote counting equipment for the purpose of counting all ballots cast;
 - b. the use of voting equipment to assist electors in casting their ballot; and
 - c. the use of "special ballots" being mail-in ballots for electors who are unable to attend the voting location to vote on Voting Day or at the advance voting opportunities because of physical incapacity, being absent from the municipality, or working as an election official.
3. That By-law 2013-038 be repealed.
4. This by-law shall be effective on the date that it is passed.

Passed in Open Council this 14th day of January, 2019.



Adrian Foster, Mayor



C. Anne Greentree, Municipal Clerk