

Bill No. 256
2014

By-law No. E.-_____

A by-law to authorize the use of accessible voting machines, poll optical scanning vote tabulators, central count optical scanning tabulator, voting by mail, advance voting and proxy voting for the 2014 municipal election; and to repeal By-law No. E.-172-166 entitled "A by-law to authorize the use of accessible voting machines, optical scanning vote tabulators, mail in voting, advance voting and proxy voting at municipal elections."

WHEREAS subsection 42(1)(a) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, provides that the council of a local municipality may pass a by-law authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators;

AND WHEREAS subsection 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, provides that the council of a local municipality may pass a by-law authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method, such as voting by mail, that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

AND WHEREAS subsection 42(5) 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, sections 43 (advance vote) and 44 (voting proxies) apply only if the by-law so specifies;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The use of poll and central optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes at municipal elections is hereby authorized.
2. Sections 43 (Advance Votes) and 44 (Voting Proxy) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, apply to the City of London 2014 Municipal Election.
3. The use of accessible voting machines for advance voting at all advance poll locations is hereby authorized.
4. The use of voting by mail be provided upon request to qualified voters as an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote at municipal elections is hereby authorized.
5. By-law No. E.-172-166 entitled "A by-law to authorize the use of accessible voting machines, optical scanning vote tabulators, mail in voting, advance voting and proxy voting at municipal elections" passed by the Municipal Council on May 3, 2010 is hereby repealed.
6. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on May 20, 2014.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

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