

**The Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith**

**By-Law No. 38- 2021**

Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2022 Municipal Election

**WHEREAS** 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 2022 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 2022.
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 on the day they file their candidacy.
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 7 of this by-law may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
9. The Municipal Clerk is herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreements to provide Vote By Mail services.
10. The Clerk of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numeric, grammatic, semantic or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule(s) as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law.
11. By-law 08-2017 is hereby repealed and this By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time, signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

Original Signed by: Angela Friesen  
Reeve

Original Signed by: Cheryl Marshall  
Clerk