

Voting methods review

Cost of each voting method

Costs¹ are presented assuming 10,000 voters use each remote voting method as a standard base of comparison.

Vote by mail

	Cost	Notes
Vote by mail kits	\$35,000	Includes ballot, secrecy envelope, voter declaration card and return envelope.
Vendor services	\$16,000	Vendor support to set-up, track, audit and adjudicate mail in ballots.
Postage to send	\$9,000	Postage rate of .90 cents per mailed envelope.
Pre-paid postage to return	\$9,500	Postage rate of .95 cents per return envelope.
Vote by mail ballot tabulator	\$5,800	Processes ballots at a higher speed, in comparison to voting location tabulators, to facilitate results tabulation on election night.
Total	\$75,300	Before tax

The cost to support each voter with a vote by mail option is estimated to be \$7.53².

Vote by phone

	Cost	Notes
Telephone voting system	\$12,500	Operates on the internet voting system with votes recorded and communicated electronically through that system.
External system audit	\$12,000	Similar costs in past elections were shared with other municipalities. The same opportunity would be explored in 2022.

¹ Costs provided are initial estimates and are subject to final agreements with vendors.

² Note that some costs are per voter and some are a flat rate. If the number of voters who use a remote voting method increase or decrease the cost per voter would vary.

Total	\$24,500	Before tax
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The cost to support each voter with a vote by phone option is estimated to be \$2.45³

Internet voting

	Cost	Notes
Internet voting system	\$12,500	Ballots are marked, recorded and communicated electronically through the internet voting system.
External system audit	\$12,000	Similar costs in past elections were shared with other municipalities. The same opportunity would be explored in 2022.
Total	\$24,500	Before tax

The cost to support each voter with an internet voting option is estimated to be \$2.45⁴.

³ Same as noted above.