

# Notice of Motion



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## **Title of the Motion:**

Reconsideration of Alternate Voting Methods for the 2022 Municipal Election

**Moved by Councillor:** Mark MacKinnon

## **Summary**

Many residents of Guelph with lived experiences of voting challenges for those with disabilities expressed a great need for a safe and accessible voting method for the 2022 municipal election. Residents repeatedly told City Council that the most inclusive voting method is internet voting.

Furthermore, the unpredictability of COVID-19 pandemic social impacts, including the current and potentially new variants, casts uncertainty on the public health consequences across all citizen demographics related to in-person voting at traditional polling stations in October 2022.

Consequently, the most compassionate and rational path forward for the 2022 municipal election would see a return of internet voting as the preferred alternative voting method.

## **Recommendation:**

Council reconsiders the following two decisions at the February 28th, 2022 City Council meeting:

February 17, 2021

Voting Systems and Alternative Voting Methods for the 2022 Municipal Election, 2021-30

That a by-law be adopted to support the use of vote by mail as an alternative voting method in the 2022 municipal and school board election.

November 22, 2021

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail as a Voting Method for the 2022 Municipal Election - 2021-301

That the City continue with the current approved alternative voting methods of vote by mail (VBM) and a home vote service pilot for the 2022 municipal election.

And consider the following motion instead:

That a by-law be adopted to support the use of internet voting as an alternative voting method in the 2022 municipal and school board election.