

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIMERICK

BY-LAW NO. 2010-04

Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2010 Municipal Election and the entering into of an agreement with Data Fix to provide Vote By Mail services

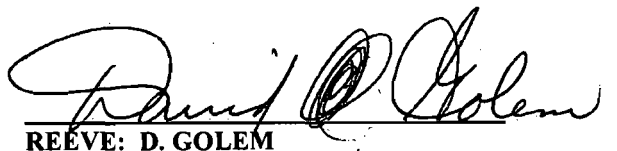
WHEREAS Section 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing an alternative voting method;

AND WHEREAS council deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2010 Municipal Election using a vote by mail method and to contract with Data Fix to provide election services;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIMERICK HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The alternative voting method of "Vote by Mail" is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2010, per Motion No.2010-
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. The Vote by Mail Kit shall consist of:
  - Outer envelope – 24 lb white wove 4 1/8 x 9 1/2 with double window printed black
  - Return envelope – 24 lb Canary (yellow) 4" x 9" non-window printed black
  - Secrecy envelope – 24 lb white wove 3.75" x 8.75" non-window printed black
  - Ballot – 8.5" x 11" printed on 50 lb offset
  - Voter declaration – 8.5" x 11" 50 lb offset with horizontal perforation
  - Such other necessary material as the Municipal Clerk determines
4. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Municipal Office Building, 89 Limerick Lake Road.
5. Ballot Return Station means a voting place under the supervision of the Clerk/Deputy Returning Officer where electors, who prefer to deliver or have delivered their completed ballot, **securely sealed within the "Return Envelope"**, may deposit their Return Envelope (ballot) directly into the care of the Municipal Clerk/Deputy Returning Officer for depositing into a "secured Drop Box" and/or physically place it in the Drop Box themselves rather than forwarding their ballots by mail.
6. 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 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day.
7. 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.
8. The Municipal Clerk shall prepare procedures and rules for the vote by mail municipal election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate no later than August 31, 2010.
9. 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 8 of this by-law may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
10. The Municipal Clerk is herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreement with Data Fix to provide Vote By Mail services.
11. This By-law shall repeal all and any previous by-laws pertaining to this subject and take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 02<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2010.

  
REEVE: D. GOLEM

SEAL

  
CLERK: B. CROCKER