



TOWN OF DIGBY

By-law #2012-02

A By-law to Authorize the Voting by Internet and Telephone for the 2012 Municipal Election

Whereas Subsection 146A(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1989 R.S.N.S. c300, as amended, states that the Council of a local municipality may pass bylaws to authorize voters to vote by mail, electronically or by any other voting method; and

WHEREAS Subsection 146 (3) (ca) of the Municipal Elections Act, states that the Council of a local municipality may pass bylaws to authorize electors to use an alternative voting method, such as voting by Telephone, via Internet, or by any other electronic means, including a combination of different electronic means that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote; and

WHEREAS Subsection 146(6) of the Municipal Elections Act states that were a bylaw provides for voting via the Internet through the unsupervised use of a personal computing device, the bylaw must also permit voting by some other means on each advance polling day and on ordinary polling day; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Digby wishes to adopt the process of voting by Internet and telephone to ensure greater accessibility for all voters to exercise their individual and democratic right to vote;

NOW THEREFORE THE TOWN OF DIGBY, BY ITS COUNCIL, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Municipal Election process for the October 2012 elections utilize the alternative voting method known as "Voting by Internet and Telephone."
2. That the electronic voting period being the advance vote and including voting day, shall be for a term of nine full days, commencing on October 12, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time) and that the voting period be terminated on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. (Daylight Savings Time).
3. That for clarity, electronic voting only will be open for nine full days and electronic voting will be available during the advance polling dates from October 12th continuously until October 19, 2012 at 12:00 midnight and on Election Day on October 20, 2012 from 12:00:01 am until 7:00 pm (Daylight Savings Time).

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I certify that this **Bylaw to Authorize the Voting by Internet and Telephone for the 2012 Municipal Elections** was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.

E. Thomas Ossinger, CAO

13 April 2012
Date

* Effective Date of the By-Law unless otherwise specified in the text of the By-Law.