

BY-LAW NUMBER 842-2010

Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for Municipal Elections and the entering into an agreement with DataFix to provide Vote by Mail services.

WHEREAS Section 42(1)(b) of the Municipal Elections 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 Municipality of Neebing deems it appropriate and in the public interest to contract with DataFix to provide election services;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The alternative voting method of "Vote by Mail" is hereby authorized for all Municipal Elections beginning in 2010 and remaining in place until rescinded by future by-laws.
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 Vote by Mail kit shall consist of:
 - A voting instruction sheet
 - A composite ballot
 - An inner ballot envelope coded with the Ward
 - A security slip
 - An outer return envelope
 - Such other necessary material as the Municipal Clerk determines.
4. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Municipal Administration Centre:
 - (a) Monday through Friday for the week prior to the Municipal Election from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
 - (b) On the Monday of an Election from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
5. 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.
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 the 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 the last working day of August in each year of an election.
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 Mayor or Deputy-Mayor and Municipal Clerk or Deputy Municipal Clerk are herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreements with DataFix to provide Vote by Mail services.

11. This By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

ENACTED AND PASSED IN COUNCIL this 17th day of March, 2010 as witnessed by the corporate seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers duly authorized in that behalf.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

Mayor

Clerk

Read for a first time this 17th day of March, 2010.

Read for a second time this 17th day of March, 2010.

Read for a third time and finally passed this 17th day of March, 2010.