

The Corporation of the Town of Essex

By-Law Number 2484

Being a by-law to authorize the use of vote counting equipment and to establish Advance Voting dates for the 2026 Town of Essex Municipal Election

WHEREAS Section 42(1)(a) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 as amended, provides that the Council of a local municipality may pass a by-law authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scan vote tabulators, for the purpose of counting votes at Municipal Elections;

AND WHEREAS Section 43(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, requires each local municipality to hold an advance vote on one or more dates;

AND WHEREAS Section 43(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, requires the Clerk to establish the date or dates on which the advance vote is to be held, the number and location of voting places for the advance vote, and the hours during which the voting places shall be open for the advance vote;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Essex hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex hereby authorizes the use of mark sense ballots and optical scanning vote tabulators for the purposes of the counting of votes cast on Voting Day in the 2026 Municipal Election;
2. **That** Council further authorize the authorizes the use of mark sense ballots and optical scanning vote tabulators for advance voting with such advance voting to take place on the following dates:
 - Saturday, October 3, 2026 between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Essex Centre
 - Wednesday, October 7, 2026 between 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM in McGregor
 - Saturday, October 10, 2026 between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Harrow
 - Wednesday, October 14, 2026 between 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Colchester; and
3. **That** this By-Law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read a first and a second time and provisionally adopted on November 3, 2025.

Mayor

Clerk

Read a third time and finally passed on November 17, 2025.

Mayor

Clerk