

**The Corporation of the Town of Essex**

**By-Law Number 2132**

**Being a by-law to authorize the use of vote-counting equipment and to establish Advance Voting dates for the 2022 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 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 2022 Municipal Election;
2. That Council further authorize the use of mark sense ballots and optical scanning vote tabulators as the voting method for advance voting with such advance voting to take place on the following dates:
  - Saturday October 8, 2022 in Essex Centre, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday October 12, 2022 in McGregor, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Saturday October 15, 2022 in Harrow, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday October 19, 2022 in Colchester, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and,
3. That this By-Law comes into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

**Read a first, a second and a third time and finally passed on April 4, 2022.**

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Mayor

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Clerk