

# The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley

## By-law 2025-60

### By-law to authorize the use of alternative voting methods (telephone and internet) for the 2026 municipal and school board election.

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**WHEREAS** section 42(1)(b) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, S.O. 1996, c.32 provides that a municipal council may pass by-laws authorizing the use of voting and vote counting equipment and authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Grand Valley deems it appropriate to use telephone and internet voting to conduct the 2026 municipal and school board election;

**NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley enacts as follows:**

1. That the use of electronic voting by telephone and internet as alternative voting methods is hereby authorized by Council to conduct the 2026 municipal and school board election.
2. That the counting of ballots by electronic methods, in keeping with the voting method, is hereby authorized.
3. That in this by-law, words shall have the same meaning as defined or set out in the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended.
4. That no proxy voting provisions are applicable to municipal and school board elections conducted with this by-law.
5. That any person, corporation or trade union found guilty of corrupt practice or contravention of the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the said Act.
6. That any other previous by-law authorizing alternative voting methods or containing contrary provisions to this by-law are repealed.
7. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of the final passing thereof.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 10th day of November, 2025.**



Steve Soloman, Mayor



Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk