CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RENFREW BY-LAW NO. 25-2017

Being a by-law to authorize the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes at the 2018 Municipal Election, and the use of internet/telephone voting as alternative voting methods and to authorize advance voting for use in the 2018 Municipal Election.

WHEREAS Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, c.32*, provides that the Council of a Municipality may, by by-law; authorize the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes at Municipal Elections; and

WHEREAS Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, c.32*, provides that the Council of a Municipality may, by by-law; authorize the use of an alternative voting method that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote; and

WHEREAS Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, c.32*, provides that when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, Sections 43 (Advance Votes) and 44 (Appointment of Voting Proxy) apply only if the by-law so specifies; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew considers its desirable to pass such a by-law.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew enacts as follows:

- 1. <u>THAT</u> the use of optical scanning vote tabulators for the purpose of counting votes at municipal elections and the use of Internet and Telephone voting as alternative voting methods that do not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote is hereby authorized.
- 2. <u>THAT</u> Section 43, by-law regarding advance votes, of the *Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, c.32*, is applicable in the 2018 Election in the Town of Renfrew.
- 3. <u>THAT</u> the Clerk be authorized to establish appropriate procedures for Vote Counting and voting by Internet and Telephone for the 2018 Municipal Election.
- 4. THAT the Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with a qualified service provider for optical scanning vote tabulators and the internet and telephone voting options.
- 5. <u>THAT</u> this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of the final passing thereof.

Read a first and second time this 25th day of April, 2017.

Read a third time and finally passed this 25th day of April, 2017.

Don Eady, Mayor

Kim R. Buimer, Clerk