

The Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland

By-law 2025-87

Being a By-Law to authorize the use of an Alternative Voting Method and the use of French forms and materials, in addition to English, for 2026 Municipal Elections and any subsequent by-elections.

WHEREAS Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, provides that the council of a municipality may pass a by-law authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment and the use of one or more alternate voting methods that do not require electors to attend at a voting place;

AND WHEREAS subsection 9(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, authorizes a municipal council to permit the use of French in prescribed forms and other election-related materials in a municipality where both English and French are in common use;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland deems it appropriate and in the public interest to authorize the use of alternate voting methods and to authorize the use of French in election-related forms and materials;

WHEREAS subsection 42 (5) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, states that when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, Sections 43 (advance votes) and 44 (voting proxies) apply only if the by-law so specifies; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland enacts as follows:

1. ALTERNATE VOTING METHOD

The use of an alternative voting method, being Internet and Telephone Voting, is hereby authorized for the 2026 Municipal Election and any subsequent by-election held in the Clarence-Rockland;

2. USE OF FRENCH IN ELECTION MATERIALS

The use of French in prescribed forms and other election-related materials is hereby authorized for the City of Clarence-Rockland, in addition to English.

3. ADVANCE VOTING

The Clerk is authorized to establish the dates, times and locations of voting places for the advance vote, therefore establishing a voting period;

4. ADMINISTRATION

The Clerk shall establish procedures and provide for the necessary equipment, technology, and security to implement the authorized alternate voting method(s), advance vote(s), and bilingual election materials, in accordance with the provisions of the Act and any applicable regulations or guidelines.

The Clerk is further authorized to make such arrangements and enter into any necessary agreements, subject to applicable procurement policies, to support the implementation and delivery of the alternate voting method(s), bilingual election materials, and advance voting opportunities.

5. GENERAL

This by-law shall apply to the 2026 Municipal Election and to any by-election that may be held during the 2026-2030 term of Council.

This by-law shall come into force and effect upon it passing.

Read, passed and adopted in open council this 8th day of September 2025.

Mario Zanth, Mayor

Monique Ouellet, Clerk