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## Memorandum

**Date:** May 4, 2022

**To:** Members of the Board

From: William (Bill) Bradica, Chief Administrative Officer

**Subject: Territory Without Municipal Organization Election Method** 

In 2014 the Board implemented the use of a mail-in ballot method for voting in the Territory Without Municipal Organizations (TWOMO) election, replacing the traditional system of inperson voting with polling stations. The number of ballots cast in 2014 was 919 which was more than triple the 297 ballots cast by in-person voting in the 2006 TWOMO election (there was an acclamation in 2010).

Due to the significant increase in voting results using mail-in ballots in 2014, the Board approved the use of mail-in voting for the 2018 TWOMO election with 663 ballots being cast.

Due to the increased response in voting using the mail-in voting method versus in-person voting, Administration recommends that the Board approve the continued use of the mail-in method for the 2022 TWOMO election.

As per the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services TWOMO Election Resource Guide for 2022 the Board is also required to appoint a Returning Office for the upcoming 2022 TWOMO election and it is recommended that the CAO be appointed.

Administration will present the following resolution for consideration at the May 19, 2022 Board Meeting:

THAT with respect to the Memorandum from William (Bill) Bradica, Chief Administrative Officer, we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (the Board), approve the mail-in voting method for the 2022 election of the representative for the Territory Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO);

AND THAT we appoint the Chief Administrative Officer as the Returning Officer for the 2022 TWOMO election;



AND THAT a by-law be presented to the Board for approval.

Sincerely,

William (Bill) Bradica Chief Administrative Officer

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