

BY-LAW NUMBER 01 - 2022

A By-law to repeal By-law No. 05-2018 and to authorize the use of voting by mail for the Territory Without Municipal Organization Election.

WHEREAS the *District Social Services Administration Boards Act* and its regulations do not define the election process for members representing Territory Without Municipal Organization;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) has issued a Resource Guide setting out the Ministry's key requirements for running elections;

AND WHEREAS the Resource Guide specifies that a By-law must be passed to authorize the use of an alternative voting method;

AND WHEREAS the Board deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the Territory Without Municipal Organization Election using a vote by mail method;

NOW THEREFORE THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THAT the alternative voting method of "Vote by Mail" is hereby authorized for the TWOMO Election.
- 2. THAT a Vote by Mail Kit will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector. The Kit will either be mailed or directly provided to each qualified elector.
- 3. THAT the Vote by Mail Kit shall consist of:
 - A voting instruction sheet,
 - A composite ballot,
 - · An inner ballot envelope,
 - A security slip,
 - · An outer return envelope,
 - Such other necessary material as the Returning Officer determines.
- 6. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballots in accordance with the *TWOMO Election Resource Guide* and the procedures authorized by this By-law and returning the completed ballots to the Returning Officer by mail on or before 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day.
- 7. No proxy voting provisions are applicable at Elections conducted in accordance with this by-law.
- 8. The Returning Officer shall prepare procedures and rules for the vote by mail election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate following the close of the nomination period.

- 9. The Chief Administrative Officer is herewith authorized to sign any necessary agreement to provide Vote By Mail services.
- 10. This By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

Enacted and passed this 19th day of May, A.D. 2022, as witnessed by the Seal of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board and the hands of its proper Officers.

Chair

Chief Administrative Officer

Read First and finally passed this 19th day of May, A.D., 2022.