

# Elections Updates

Zone 7 Fall 2025 Meeting  
Elliot Lake, ON  
October 9, 2025

# Municipal Election Reminders

- Changes to council composition
  - By-laws need to be passed by December 31, 2025
- Establishing or altering ward boundaries
  - By-laws need to be passed by December 31, 2025
  - May wish to consider possible appeals and any appeal period delaying the effective date of the by-law
- Election Budget
  - Consider allowances in the 2026 budget
- Service providers for alternative voting and vote counting equipment
  - May wish to consider thinking early about ensuring that your agreements with private service providers are in place
- Delegation of authority
  - May wish to consider need for appropriate delegation of authority to be in place if council becomes subject to restricted acts provisions

# Municipal Election Reminders (cont'd)

- Voting and vote counting equipment
  - By-laws to authorize use of voting and vote-count equipment or the use of alternative voting methods must be approved on or before May 1, 2026
  - Note: If a by-law is passed for voting and vote-count equipment and subsequently a by-election is called, council may pass another by-law providing this by-law does not apply to the by-election
  - The clerk shall establish procedures and forms for the use of voting and vote-counting equipment authorized by the by-law by June 1, 2026
- Alternative Voting Methods
  - By-laws to authorize electors to use an alternative voting method must be approved on or before May 1, 2026
  - Note: If a by-law is passed for the use of alternative voting methods and subsequently a by-election is called, council may pass another by-law providing this by-law does not apply to the by-election The clerk shall establish procedures and forms for the use of alternative voting methods authorized by the by-law by June 1, 2026

# Ministry Election Training

- Training sessions for new clerks will be held on November 19 and 20
- Candidates training sessions will be held, on request, beginning in April 2026. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

# Election Guides

- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing updates its guidance material prior to each municipal election including:
  - Voters' Guide
  - Candidates' Guide
  - Third-Party Advertisers' Guide
- The ministry will inform municipalities when the updated guides are available.