BY-LAW NUMBER 09-2017

A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF INTERNET AND TELEPHONE VOTING AS THE EXCLUSIVE VOTING METHODS FOR THE 2018 TOWN OF DEEP RIVER MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, R.S.O. 1996* provides that a municipal council may, on or before May 1st in the year before the year of the election, pass a by-law authorizing the use of alternative voting methods;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2018 Municipal Election using a vote exclusively by internet and telephone methods to empower electors to cast ballots at their convenience, over an extended vote casting period and using methods that promote accessibility for all;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. **THAT** the alternative voting methods of "Internet and Telephone" are hereby authorized for the municipal election to be held in 2018 and for subsequent municipal elections.
- 2. **THAT** in this By-law, words shall have the same meaning as defined or set out in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
- 3. **THAT** no proxy voting provisions are applicable during the Town of Deep River 2018 Municipal Election, conducted in accordance with this By-law.
- 4. **THAT** any person, Corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practice or contravention of the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, R.S.O. 1996* may be persecuted pursuant to the provisions of Sections 89 to 94 inclusive of the Municipal Elections Act.
- 5. **THAT** all By-Laws or parts thereof, and all or any resolutions of Council contrary to this By-law, or inconsistent with this By-law, are hereby repealed.
- 6. This By-law comes into force and effect upon its passage by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

JOAN LOUGHEED, MAYOR

RICHARD M. GEE, CLERK