

CHAPTER 18 - MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS BY-LAW

WHEREAS Section 146A of the *Municipal Elections Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 300, as amended, enables a by-law to authorize mail, electronic or by another voting method;

WHEREAS Subsection 146A (3 cc) of the *Municipal Elections Act* states that a council may by by-law offer additional hours and dates for voting at advance poll; and

WHEREAS The Municipality of Colchester wishes to enable advance polls beyond those identified in Subsection 114 (4) of the *Municipal Elections Act*.

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Municipality of Colchester, under the authority of Section 146A (3 cc) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This By-law shall be known as the “Municipal Elections By-law”.

PURPOSE

2. The purpose of the by-law is to increase access and opportunity for in-person voting by enabling an alternate voting method providing for additional advanced polling dates and additional hours of voting.

DEFINITIONS

3. In this By-law:
 - (a) “Act” means the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1989 R.S.N.S. c. 300, as amended;
 - (b) “advance poll” means:
 - (i) the Tuesday immediately preceding ordinary polling day;
 - (ii) one other day fixed by Council by resolution that is either Thursday, the ninth day before ordinary polling day or Saturday, the seventh day before ordinary polling day; and
 - (iii) Any other day or days set by resolution of Council provided the day or days are not earlier than the eleventh day before ordinary polling day.
 - (c) “Council” means the Council of the Municipality of Colchester;
 - (d) “ordinary polling day” has the same meaning as set out in the Act;
 - (e) “Returning Officer” means a Returning Officer appointed pursuant to the Act;

PROCEDURES

4. Unless otherwise provided for in the by-law, the Municipality will follow the

procedures set out in the Municipal Elections Act.

ADVANCED POLLS

5. Council may, by resolution set an additional day or days for advanced polling, including increased hours, in addition to the provisions of the Act. These advanced polls shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Council may delegate its authority to set an additional day or days to the Returning Officer.

NOTIFICATION OF ELECTORS

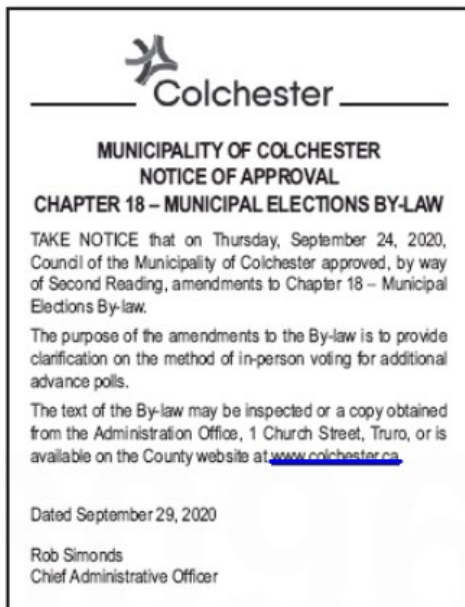
6. (a) The Returning Officer shall cause notice of the advance polls to be published in a newspaper circulating in the municipality before the first advance poll day.

(b) The notice may include any other information the Returning Officer deems necessary.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that amendments to Chapter 18 – Municipal Elections By-law, was duly approved at a duly called meeting of Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester, duly convened and held on the 24th day of September, A.D. 2020.

GIVEN under the hand of the Municipal Clerk and under the corporate seal of said Municipality this 6th day of October, A.D. 2020.

[Rob Simonds](#)
Municipal Clerk



I, Rob Simonds, Municipal Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Colchester, do hereby certify that the adjacent Notice of Approval is a true copy of the Notice of Approval of Chapter 18 Municipal Elections By-law duly advertised in the Tuesday, September 29, 2020, issue of the Chronicle Herald

GIVEN under the hand of the Municipal Clerk and under the corporate seal of said Municipality this 6th day of October, A.D. 2020.

[Rob Simonds](#)
Municipal Clerk

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