The Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region

By-Law No. 14-03-688

A By-Law to enter into an Agreement with Dominion Voting for voting by telephone/internet for the year 2014 Municipal Elections.

The Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, Subsection 42 (1) (b) states that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws to authorize electors to use an alternative voting method, such as voting by mail or by telephone, that does not require electors to attend at a voting place in order to vote;

The Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 8 gives the municipality the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this Act;

The Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 9 (a,b) states that Sections 8 and 11 shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues;

The Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 9 (2) states that in the event of ambiguity in Sections 8 and 11, those sections shall be interpreted broadly to include, rather than exclude, municipal powers that existed on December 31, 2001;

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region by Resolution No 275 authorized an alternative voting method;

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region deem it necessary and appropriate to enter into an Agreement with Dominion voting for the purpose of providing an alternative method of voting, being "voting by Telephone/Internet", to ensure greater accessibility of all voters to exercise their individual and democratic right.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region enter into an Agreement with Dominion Voting, the Agreement for the purpose of providing the alternative method of voting as authorized by Council.
- 2. That the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute all documents in that behalf and to affix thereto the seal of the Corporation.
- 3. That any by-law inconsistent to this by-law is hereby repealed.

Passed this 5th day of March, 2014.

Jim Labow/Mayor

Christine FitzSimons/CAO-Clerk