MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

BY-LAW 2010-13

Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2010 Municipal Election and the entering into of an agreement with a supplier to provide Vote By Mail services.

WHEREAS Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 provides that a municipal Council may pass a by-law authorizing an alternative voting method;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct Municipal Elections using a vote by mail method and to contract with a supplier to provide Election services;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The alternative voting method of “Vote by Mail” is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2010.

2. 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. The Vote by Mail Kit shall consist of:
   - A voting instruction sheet
   - Voter Declaration Form
   - A composite ballot
   - An outer mailing Envelope
   - A reply Envelope
   - A Secrecy Envelope
   - Such other necessary material as the Municipal Clerk determines

4. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Central Manitoulin Municipal Office on the following dates and times:

   (a) Monday September 27th to October 24th to be open between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

5. A polling place and a ballot return station will be provided at the Central Manitoulin Municipal Complex (Council Chamber) to be open between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Monday October 25th, 2010.

6. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballots in accordance with the Municipal Election Act, 1996, and the procedures authorized by this by-law and returning the completed ballots to the Municipal Clerk by mail or by deposit at a Ballot Return Station on or before 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day.

7. No proxy voting provisions or advance voting provisions other that Ballot return Stations are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this by-law.
8. The Municipal Clerk, if deemed necessary, shall prepare procedures and rules for the vote by mail municipal election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate no later than September 1, 2010.

9. Any person, corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practices or contravening the provisions of the Municipal Election Act, 1996 or the procedures and rules as established in paragraph 8 of this by-law may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

10. The Reeve and Municipal Clerk are herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreement with a supplier to provide Vote By Mail services.

11. This By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND FINAL TIME THIS _______DAY OF __________________2010.

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REEVE                                           CLERK

I, ________________ , Clerk of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of By-Law No. 2010-13, passed by the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin on the ______ day of ____________, 2010.

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Clerk