

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN
BY-LAW 2010 – 380**

**Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2010 Municipal
Election and entering into an agreement with Canada Post 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public interest to conduct the 2010 and all future Municipal Elections using a Vote By Mail method until this by-law is repealed, and to contract with Canada Post to provide election services;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN 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
 - . A composite ballot
 - . An inner ballot envelope coded with the Ward
 - . A security slip
 - . An outer return envelope
 - . Such other necessary material as the Municipal Clerk determines
4. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Municipal Administration Office, located on Third Avenue in Whitney during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from Monday October 18th, 2010 to Friday October 22nd, 2010. On Voting Day, Monday October 25, 2010 there shall be two regular Polling stations one located in Whitney at the Lester B. Smith Recreation Hall the other located in Madawaska at the Multi Purpose Recreation Building. The voting locations will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
5. Ballot Return Station means a voting place under the supervision of a Deputy Returning Officer where electors, who prefer to deliver or have delivered their completed ballots, may deposit their ballots directly into the care of the Municipal Clerk rather than forwarding their ballots by mail.
6. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballots in accordance with the *Municipal Elections 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 than Ballot Return Stations are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this by-law.

8. The Municipal Clerk shall prepare procedures and rules for the vote by mail Municipal Election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate no later than June 1, 2010
9. Any person, corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practices or contravening the provisions of the *Municipal Elections 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 Municipal Clerk is herewith authorized to sign the necessary Agreement with Canada Post to provide Vote By Mail services.
11. This By-Law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

By-law read a first and second time this 5th, day of August 2010.

By-Law read a third time and finally passed this 5th, day of August 2010.

Mayor, Percy Bresnahan

Clerk, Harold Luckasavitch