

A Resolution Opposing the Use of Electronic Voting in the 2020 Municipal Election

WHEREAS the public needs to know that each vote in an election was made by an individual, legitimate, elector; that the secrecy of each ballot was preserved; and that each vote choice recorded was accurately counted exactly as it was cast; and

WHEREAS the integrity of every election depends on these fundamental components being preserved; and

WHEREAS the questions of how to adequately maintain the security, validity, and integrity of electronic voting methods are still unanswered; and

WHEREAS there is no evidence that electronic voting methods increase voter turnout; and

WHEREAS there are no standards for any type of electronic voting in Canada or Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS the proliferation of electronic election services has the power to alter the nature of electoral participation by causing more electors to vote alone instead of at a polling place with others; and

WHEREAS A lot of time and money must be invested to ensure that the public is aware that electronic voting is an option and that voters are able to understand and use the on-line system to cast a ballot.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

the Municipality of the District of Barrington will use the traditional paper-based voting system as the method in the 2020 municipal election.