THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF EAST ZORRA-TAVISTOCK

COUNTY OF OXFORD

BY-LAW #2010-15

Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2010 Municipal Election.

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;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST ZORRA-TAVISTOCK ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

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

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 Declaration Form to be signed by the Elector
   - An outer return envelope
   - Such other necessary material as the Municipal Clerk determines

4. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Hickson Municipal Office on the following dates and times:
   - During business hours October 4 to 22, 2010
   - Voting Day, October 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 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 September 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.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

DON MCKAY, MAYOR

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JEFF CARSWELL, CLERK