

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRE HASTINGS
BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-18**

BEING a by-law to adopt a policy governing the use of municipal resources during an election campaign period.

WHEREAS Section 88.18 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as amended, requires municipalities to establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal resources during an election campaign period;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of Centre Hastings deems it desirable to adopt a policy to ensure fairness, transparency, and non-partisanship during municipal and school board elections;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Centre Hastings hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. THAT** the policy entitled “Use of Municipal Resources During an Election Campaign,” attached hereto as Schedule “A” and forming part of this By-law, is hereby adopted.
- 2. THAT** all Members of Council, municipal staff, volunteers, Candidates, and Registered Third-Party Advertisers shall comply with the provisions of the policy during the applicable Election Campaign Period.
- 3. THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized to administer, interpret, and enforce the policy, including the authority to investigate complaints and take corrective action as permitted under applicable legislation.
- 4. THAT** this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of its passage.

5. SCHEDULES

Schedule “A” – COU-012 Municipal Resource Policy - Election

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

Read a first and second time this 18th day of February 2026. Read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of February 2026.

THOMAS DELINE, MAYOR

TYPHANY CHOINARD, CLERK