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Attn: Madam Mayor and Councillors -
For Council's Consideration

Re: Electronic Voting

Over the past several weeks, I received a series of emails containing vital legislative information challenging the validity of Town bylaw 2025-07 Electronic Voting.

No one can deny, our various institutions and our personal data are vulnerable to cyber attacks. The Elections Act does not recognize a pin number or birthdate as acceptable identification for any voter. These systems can't verify the voter's identity that opens the door to voter fraud.

The evidence exposing the vulnerability of these computerized voting systems is growing exponentially. Council may not be aware that the majority of European countries have tried it and rejected this form of voting because these system can't guarantee security of the vote and therefore are extremely vulnerable to voter fraud.

It would also be prudent to consider that the majority of residents realize there are factions within our community dedicated to promoting their self-serving interests at the community's expense.

This lack of security lends itself well to these factions that are intent on controlling the out-come of our election or by electing those candidates committed to promoting their interests. This must end and the residents must have the assurances that they and only they control the community's future direction.

My father, his father and my father-in-law all served. The sacrifices of all those individuals can never be forgotten or taken for granted. Their sacrifices to ensure our democracy and our electoral system is priceless. It is a gift of spirit and must be respected and cherished forever.

Madam Mayor and respected Councillors, act immediately to repeal this dangerous bylaw, and protect our electoral system and our precious community. The paper ballot is our most secure method until our Federal and Provincial governments have developed the necessary criteria to guarantee security.

Respectfully
Rick Tipping

Cc: Town Clerk, Ms C. Giles