Appendix 3 – CS-2021-27 – Advantages and Disadvantages of Voting Methods

	Vote By Mail with Tabulators	Telephone	Internet
Vote Count	**Advantages** • count is accurate • no proxies • audit trail for recount	**Advantages** • count is accurate • quicker access to results after polls close • no proxies • Audit trail • no subjectivity on count/recount • no extra staff for counting • no scrutineers needed	**Advantages** • count is accurate • quicker access to results after polls close • no proxies • audit trail • no subjectivity on count/recount • no extra staff for counting • no scrutineers needed
	Disadvantages • scrutineers optional (one per tabulator) • ballot must be marked with a pen/pencil the tabulator can read • extra staff needed for sorting, tabulators and opening ballot envelopes • Several hours to tabulate results	**Disadvantages** • perceived security concerns (reduced through frequent auditing and other measures outlined in RFP) • concerns with voter fraud (reduced with use of PIN and personal identifiers)	**Disadvantages** • perceived security concerns (reduced through frequent auditing and other measures outlined in RFP) • concerns with voter fraud (reduced with use of PIN and personal identifiers)
Access to Voting	**Advantages** • vote any time during voting period • accessible to persons with disabilities • Eliminates the requirement for proxy votes	**Advantages** • vote any time during 10-day voting period (24/7) using landline or cell phone • eliminates unintentional spoiled ballots (while still allow spoiling a ballot intentionally if desired by voter) • more accessible to persons with disabilities as they likely have already made accommodations to use the phone • easier access for seasonal residents and voters out of town • access to phones is high • Eliminates the requirement for proxy votes	**Advantages** • vote any time during 10-day voting period (24/7) from any computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone • eliminates unintentional spoiled ballots (while still allow spoiling a ballot intentionally if desired by voter) • more accessible to persons with disabilities as they likely have already made accommodations to use the devices • easier access for seasonal residents and voters out of town • Eliminates the requirement for proxy votes

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	Vote By Mail with Tabulators	**Telephone**	**Internet**
	Disadvantages • must drop off ballot in mailbox or at Town Hall • must be ready for influx of voters with ballots on Election Day	**Disadvantages** • must be prepared for high call volumes on Election Day • average time to vote dependent on the number of races, candidates and questions • voters must be encouraged to keep voter kit with list of candidates' names	**Disadvantages** • not everyone has access to the internet or high speed internet
COVID-19 Safety Precautions	**Advantages** • Can vote 'hands off' from any location even if voters are self-isolating	**Advantages** • Can vote 'hands off' from any location even if voters are self-isolating	**Advantages** • Can vote 'hands off' from any location even if voters are self-isolating
Mail	**Advantages** • kits produced by service provider	**Advantages** • kits produced by service provider	**Advantages** • kits produced by service provider
	Disadvantages • Canada Post mail must be accurate and on time • exposure to mail disruptions • extra risk with ballots being returned • extra cost for return of ballots • Concerns for perceived fraud	**Disadvantages** • Canada Post mail must be accurate and on time • exposure to mail disruptions	**Disadvantages** • Canada Post mail must be accurate and on time • exposure to mail disruptions
List of Persons who have Voted	**Advantages** • daily updated list available	**Advantages** • automatically updated as voters vote • can be available to candidates online 24/7	**Advantages** • automatically updated as voters vote • can be available to candidates online 24/7
	Disadvantages • must be manually updated by staff • reporting to candidates required regularly	**Disadvantages** • high demand may increase download times	**Disadvantages** • high demand may increase download times