

# Voting methods review

## Cost of each voting method

Costs<sup>1</sup> are presented assuming 10,000 voters use each remote voting method as a standard base of comparison.

### Vote by mail

	Cost	Notes
Vote by mail kits	\$35,000	Includes ballot, secrecy envelope, voter declaration card and return envelope.
Vendor services	\$16,000	Vendor support to set-up, track, audit and adjudicate mail in ballots.
Postage to send	\$9,000	Postage rate of .90 cents per mailed envelope.
Pre-paid postage to return	\$9,500	Postage rate of .95 cents per return envelope.
Vote by mail ballot tabulator	\$5,800	Processes ballots at a higher speed, in comparison to voting location tabulators, to facilitate results tabulation on election night.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,300</b>	Before tax

The cost to support each voter with a vote by mail option is estimated to be \$7.53<sup>2</sup>.

### Vote by phone

	Cost	Notes
Telephone voting system	\$12,500	Operates on the internet voting system with votes recorded and communicated electronically through that system.
External system audit	\$12,000	Similar costs in past elections were shared with other municipalities. The same opportunity would be explored in 2022.

<sup>1</sup> Costs provided are initial estimates and are subject to final agreements with vendors.

<sup>2</sup> Note that some costs are per voter and some are a flat rate. If the number of voters who use a remote voting method increase or decrease the cost per voter would vary.

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,500</b>	Before tax
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The cost to support each voter with a vote by phone option is estimated to be \$2.45<sup>3</sup>

### Internet voting

	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Internet voting system	\$12,500	Ballots are marked, recorded and communicated electronically through the internet voting system.
External system audit	\$12,000	Similar costs in past elections were shared with other municipalities. The same opportunity would be explored in 2022.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,500</b>	Before tax

The cost to support each voter with an internet voting option is estimated to be \$2.45<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> Same as noted above.