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## Security Overview

Simply Voting Inc. will be providing the Internet and Telephone Voting System for the 2018 Ontario Municipal Elections. The Simply Voting system is secure and protects the secrecy of your vote.

### ***Secret Ballot***

Whether you use the internet or telephone to vote, your vote is instantly encrypted and stored with no possibility of your vote being traced back to your identity, just like a traditional paper ballot.

It is impossible for municipal staff, Simply Voting employees or any other person to see how you have voted. Election officials will only be able to see that you cast your vote, the time you voted and the IP address or telephone number you voted from.

### ***One Person One Vote***

Only registered voters on the municipal list of electors will be authorized to access a ballot. Once you vote, using either internet or telephone, you are "crossed off" the list and cannot vote again. Even if you switch between the internet and telephone, even if you try to vote using several devices at the same time, the system will only accept one single ballot from each voter.

### ***Auditing***

Once your vote is cast a receipt code is issued. Only you will know this code. Print this code or write it down. After voting has ended, you can look up your receipt code to verify that your vote was counted.

Municipalities will assign independent auditors of the Internet and Telephone Voting System. Simply Voting provides designated auditors with appropriate access to observe that the system allows voting under proper circumstances and prohibits voting under improper circumstances. The Auditor may continuously monitor voting activity before, during and after the voting period. It is also impossible for the Auditor to see how you have voted.

### ***Protection Against Computer Hackers***

Simply Voting is an expert in internet security and goes to great lengths to protect the voting system. All communications between your computer and the voting website are encrypted to ensure confidentiality. The internet ballot is tamperproof and there are multiple layers of security to protect the servers against attacks.

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## ***Protection Against Imposters***

To vote, you will need to enter a password. Every password is an eight digit numeric PIN that will be mailed to each voter in a Voter Information Letter prior to the "Voting Period". These PINs are randomly generated by Simply Voting and are sent securely to Gilmore Doculink, a reputable electoral communications company that prints the letters, machine folds them in security-tinted envelopes and mails them directly to voters using Canada Post. As an added security measure, voters will also be required to enter their date of birth to complete the voting procedure. Therefore, if your Voter Information Letter ends up in the wrong hands, another person will not be able to cast your vote without your PIN and your date of birth.