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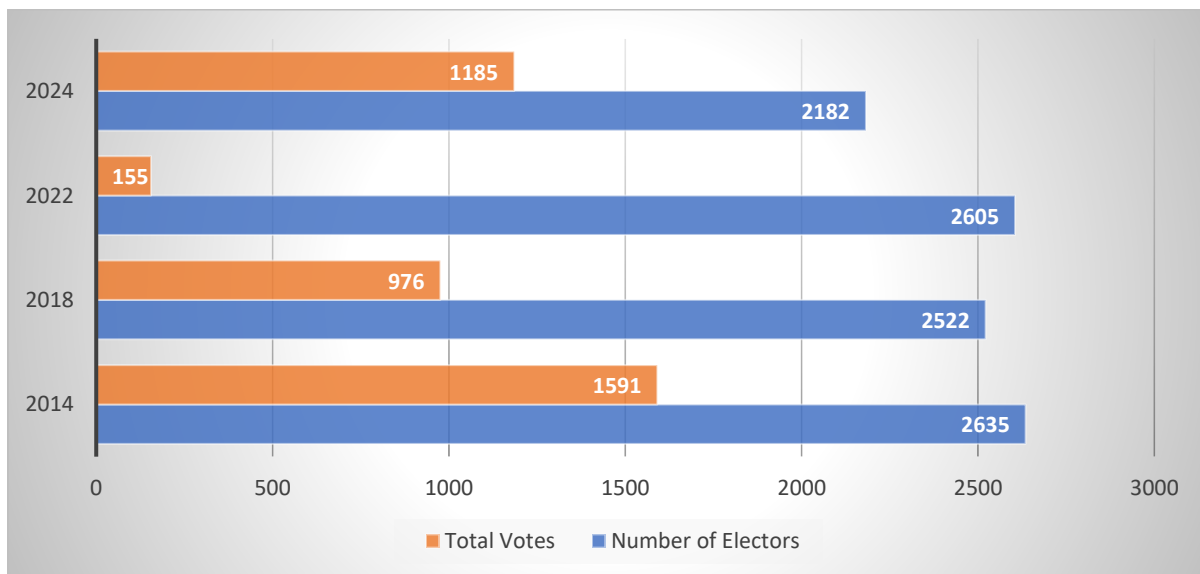
MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The 2024 by-election marks the second instance where alternative voting methods—telephone and internet—were implemented. These methods were first introduced during the 2022 municipal elections.

Below is a chart that presents statistical election data from the last three elections in Black River-Matheson, along with the most recent by-election:

Election Stats Comparators

Election Year	2014	2018	2022	2024
Method of Voting	Paper Ballot	Paper Ballot	Telephone & Internet	Telephone & Internet
No. of Offices	4	4	1	7
No. of Electors	2,635	2,522	2,605	2,182
Total Votes	1,591	976	155	1,185
Voter Turnout	61%	39%	6%	55%



1. **Number of Electors:** In January 2024, Elections Ontario took over the management of the voters list from MPAC, with each organization using different methods for data collection. To ensure the accuracy of the voters list, the cooperation of electors is essential. The 17% difference in the number of electors between 2022 and 2024 can be attributed to various factors.
2. **Number of Offices:** Voter turnout is influenced by the number of offices up for election. The 2024 by-elections are notable as the first in 10 years where no office was acclaimed, with all seats being contested.
3. **Method of Voting:** The method of voting significantly impacts voter turnout. Statistics from other municipal elections indicate that voter participation increases when alternative voting methods, such as telephone and internet voting, are introduced due to their ease and convenience.

Mayoral Race per Ward

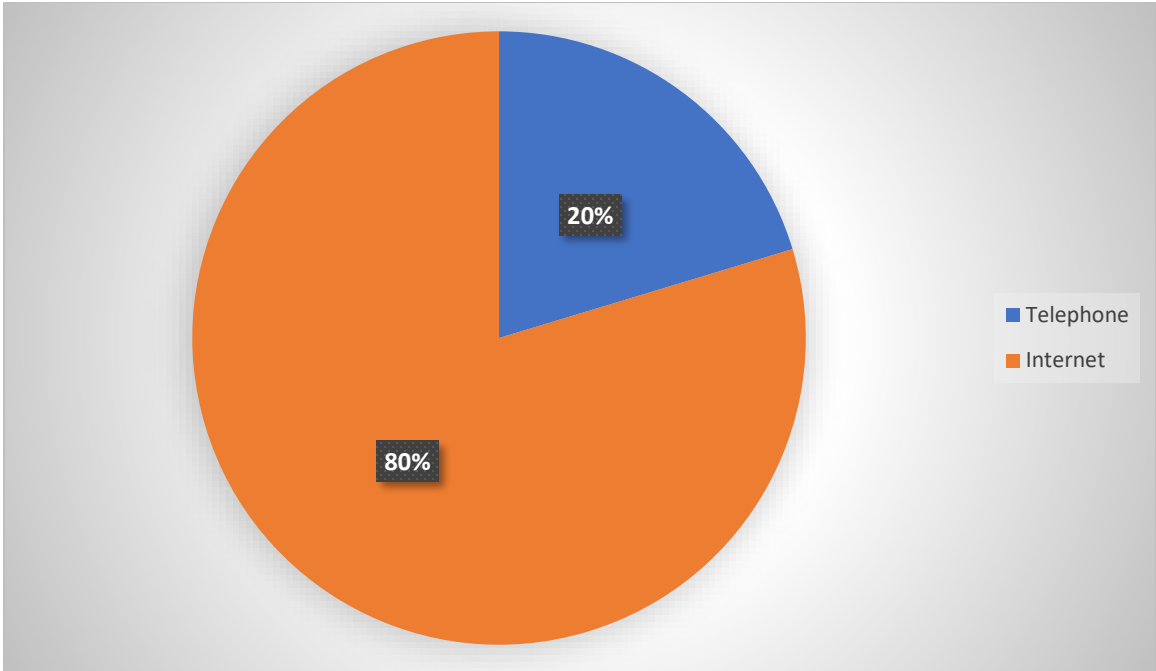
The chart below illustrates voter turnout by ward, with a particular focus on the mayoral race, which is the only office subject to an at-large vote:

Mayoral Candidate	Ward 1 Electors	Ward 2 Electors	Ward 3 Electors	Ward 4 Electors	Ward 5 Electors	Ward 6 Electors	TOTAL
Dyment, Dave	57	80	284	62	97	148	728
Fortin, Paul	4	0	3	0	2	2	11
Horan, Murray	6	1	5	2	2	5	21
MacKenzie, John	20	55	94	43	33	24	269
Mercier, Linda	4	2	2	27	6	6	47
Riach, Chris	27	10	31	7	9	18	102
Royer, Albert	0	0	0	1	2	2	5
Spoiled	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
TOTAL	118	148	420	143	151	205	1185

Telephone vs. Internet

Alternate voting methods provided Black River-Matheson electors with two options: telephone or internet voting.

The chart below illustrates that more electors chose internet voting over telephone voting.



In summary, the event statistics indicate that there were 2,182 eligible voters, with a total of 1,185 e-votes cast, resulting in a participation rate of 55%.

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This 13TH day of August 2024
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