



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Regular Meeting of Council
By-law 2020-051

Department: CAO
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Subject: By-law to amend Procedural By-law 2012-058 as amended

Whereas Parliamentary Procedures are rooted in principles designed to ensure the fair and efficient disposition of business before a deliberative body; and

Whereas the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that municipalities may pass By-laws respecting accountability and transparency of the municipality; and

Whereas the Municipal Act, 2001 requires a municipality to pass a By-law to govern the rules of procedure and public notice of its meetings; and

Whereas the Municipal Act, 2001 S. 238(3.1) permits a member of Council or of a local board or of a committee to participate electronically in a meeting which is open to the public to the extent and in the manner set out in the By-law provided; and

Whereas Council finds it appropriate to permit electronic participation with regards to emergencies and matters critical to community welfare.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall enacts as follows:

1. That Part 5 General Provisions of the Procedure By-Law be amended to add 'Electronic Participation' to read as follows:

- (a) A member of Council or of a Committee or Local Board can participate electronically in a meeting which is open to the public regarding emergencies and matters critical to community welfare;

- (b) Any such member shall not be counted towards quorum of members present at any point in time and shall not be able to vote unless permitted by the Municipal Act;
- (c) “Electronic Means” includes telephone, video or audioconferencing or other interactive method whereby Members, staff and the public are able to hear the Member(s) participating by electronic means and the Member(s) participating by electronic means are able to hear other Members, staff and the public;
- (d) Advance notice of electronic participation shall be required to the Clerk or designate to configure the best means of electronic participation, when applicable; and
- (e) Notwithstanding, ‘electronic participation’ does not exclude the necessity of advance notice of agendas and meetings times/locations for public access and must follow the meeting notice provisions.

2. That temporary electronic participation under this By-Law shall be valid until such a time that it is revoked by Council.

Read, signed and sealed in open Council this 20th day of March, 2020.

Manon L. Levesque
City Clerk

Bernadette Clement
Mayor

Report Approval Details

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