



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Regular Meeting of Council
Report

Department: Corporate Services
Division: Clerk's Division
Report Number: 2020-309-Corporate Services
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Meeting Date: November 23, 2020
Subject: Proxy Voting – Procedural By-law – Local State of Emergency

Purpose

To allow Council to decide whether to provide for proxy appointments.

Recommendation

That Council approve Option 1 or 2 as it relates to Proxy Voting for Members of Council as presented in Report 2020-309-CS.

Background / Discussion

Bill 197, is an Act to amend various statutes in response to COVID-19 and received Royal Assent on June 21, 2020, amends the Municipal Act, 2001,

The Procedural By-law passed under section 189 may provide that, in accordance with a process to be established by the clerk, a member of City Council may appoint another member of City Council as a proxy to act in their place when they are absent, subject to certain limitations.

This initiative is optional, and it is up to Council to decide whether to provide for proxy appointments.



Administration is seeking direction regarding the proxy appointments and is providing two options for Council's consideration.

Option 1: Maintain status quo. Do not amend the Procedural By-law to allow for Proxy Voting.

Option 2: Direct Administration to bring a report back to Council to amend the Procedural By-law to allow for Proxy Voting that includes a process clearly defining the rules and limitations.

Document Title:	Proxy Voting - Procedural By-law - Local State of Emergency - 2020-309-Corporate Services.docx
Attachments:	- Information sheet - Proxy Voting for Municipal Council Members.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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