
MEMORANDUM

CL-C 56-2021

Subject: Amendment to Procedural By-law for Continued Electronic Meeting Participation

Date: July 22, 2021

To: Regional Council

From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

At its meeting held on June 24, 2021, Regional Council was provided with notice that a Procedural By-law amendment to update Section 2 – General, of the by-law accordingly, would be brought to the Regional Council meeting being held on July 22, 2021, for Council's consideration.

On June 25, 2020, Regional Council approved By-law 2020-51 being a By-law to amend By-law 120-2010, The Procedural By-law, to permit electronic meeting participation for a one-year period from the termination of the Provincial Declaration of Emergency. This by-law is set to expire at 12:01 a.m. on July 24, 2021.

Given that there is still some uncertainty with respect to the public health measures that may remain in place indefinitely and when Regional facilities will re-open to the public, staff are recommending the continuation of electronic meetings for a defined period. Bill 2021-44 is provided on the July 22, 2021, Council agenda for Council's consideration to allow electronic meetings to continue for the duration of the declared Niagara Region state of emergency and for a period of three months thereafter. The additional three month period will allow staff the ability to provide a report to Council respecting how electronic meetings will be handled on a go-forward basis once the state of emergency has been declared over and consider any public health measures that may remain in place at that time.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk