

**Proposed Amendments to Procedural By-law 120-2010
To allow Electronic Participation During the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)
Pandemic**

That the following provisions be added to By-law 120-2010:

1. Definition of Electronic Participation: A Council member who participates in a Standing Committee or Council meeting remotely via electronic means (e.g. audio), will have the same rights and responsibilities as if he or she were in physical attendance, including the right to vote, with the exception that they shall not count toward a quorum of members and shall not be permitted to participate in any portion of a meeting which is closed to the public, unless otherwise proclaimed by the Province of Ontario, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended.
2. Electronic Participation shall only be permitted during the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Pandemic, as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO).
3. Electronic Participation shall only be permitted for Standing Committee meetings and any special, emergency or regular Council meeting.
4. The Regional Chair and/or Committee Chair shall not be permitted to participate electronically at any meeting.
5. The member of Council who wishes to participate in a meeting electronically shall provide the Clerk a minimum of 24 hours notice in advance.