



Bill No. 032

BY-LAW NUMBER 2020-

A By-law of The Corporation of the City of Barrie to amend By-law 2019-100 being a by-law to govern the proceedings of Council.

WHEREAS Section 238 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O., as amended requires the Council of every municipality to pass a by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings;

AND WHEREAS Section 238 of the *Municipal Act*, 1990 was amended by Bill 187 the *Municipal Emergency Act*, 2020 to provide that a municipality may hold a Special Council Meeting to amend their Procedural By-law to provide for members of Council or of a local board to participate electronically in a meeting that is closed or open to the public and may be counted in determining quorum;

AND WHEREAS on March 30, 2020, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie held a Special meeting to provide for such electronic participation;

AND WHEREAS by resolution XXXXX the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie deems it expedient to amend By-law 2019-100 as amended, being a by-law to govern the proceedings of Council;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** Procedural By-law 2019-100, be amended to add Section 3.7 concerning electronic meeting participation, as follows:

“3.7. During emergencies declared in accordance with section 238 (3.3) of the *Municipal Act*, 1990 electronic participation by Council and its Committees shall be permitted in open and closed session, subject to the following;

- a) Members of Council and its Committees when participating in an electronic meeting shall count towards quorum;
- b) Electronic Participation means, attendance at Council or its Committee meetings, using electronic formats including but not limited to, video or audio teleconference;
- c) Only appointed members, staff and invited individuals or groups shall be permitted to participate electronically in Council or its Committee meetings;
- d) Members of Council or its Committees participating electronically shall have the same rights and responsibilities as if the member was in physical attendance;
- e) Notice of meetings held in accordance with this section shall advise how members of the public may observe the proceedings; and
- f) The Clerk shall establish and amend a Protocol for the Conduct of Electronic Meetings During Emergencies, dependent upon on the type and scope of declared emergency.

2. **THAT** this By-law shall come into force and effect immediately upon the final passing thereof

READ a first and second time this 30th day of March, 2020.

READ a third time and finally passed this 30th day of March, 2020.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE

MAYOR – J. R. LEHMAN

CITY CLERK – WENDY COOKE