



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

BY-LAW NUMBER 018-2020

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 009-2019, BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURES FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG.

WHEREAS WHEREAS parliamentary procedures are rooted in principles designed to ensure the fair and efficient disposition of business before a deliberative body;

AND WHEREAS Section 238(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that every Municipality shall pass a procedural by-law to govern the calling, place and proceedings of meetings;

AND WHEREAS Council and its Committees shall also follow the regulations as set out within the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and the parliamentary authority of Robert's Rules of Order;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg deems it expedient to provide for updates to the way in which its meetings are conducted and governed;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Section 238 (3.1) that the Council Procedural By-law may provide that a Member of Council can participate electronically in a meeting which is open to the public;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg enacts as follows:

1. THAT Procedural By-law No.009-2019 Section 5.10 be amended and Section 5.10.1 be added to include the following wording regarding Electronic Participation at Meetings:

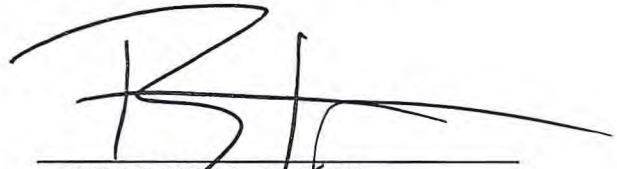
5.10 A Member may be permitted by resolution of Council to participate in a Meeting remotely via electronic means (e.g. video or audio teleconference), provided that the Meeting is a Special or Emergency Meeting of Council and the Member is not able to attend in person for any reason.

5.10.1 Should a Member be permitted to attend a Meeting remotely, the Member shall 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 towards quorum of members and shall not be permitted to participate in any portion of a meeting which is closed to the public pursuant to Section 5.10 and Section 5.10.1 of this by-law.

2. THAT this By-law shall take effect upon the date of final passing.

By-law read and passed in Open Council this 16th day of March, 2020.


DEPUTY MAYOR


MUNICIPAL CLERK