

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RENFREW
BY-LAW NO. 24-2020

Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 34-2011, as amended, to govern the proceedings of the Council and Committees of the Town of Renfrew.

WHEREAS Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, S.O., 2001, c.25*, as amended, requires municipalities to pass a procedural by-law governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings; and

WHEREAS Renfrew Town Council, at a meeting held September 12th, 2011, passed By-Law 34-2011 to govern the proceedings of the Council and Committees of the Town of Renfrew; and

WHEREAS Renfrew Town Council has since passed amending By-Laws 32-2012, 42-2013 25-2014, 7-2015, 61-2015, 69-2017, 17-2020; and

WHEREAS Bill 187, being an Act to amend the Municipal Act, 2001, received Royal Assent on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS Bill 187 provides that during emergencies, a member of a council, of a local board, or of a committee of either of them, who is participating electronically in a meeting may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time; and

WHEREAS Section 238(3.4) of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a municipality may hold a special meeting to amend an applicable procedure by-law for the purposes of subsection 238 (3.3) during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under section 4 or 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and despite subsection 238(3.1), a member participating electronically in such a special meeting may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any time during the meeting.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT By-Law 34-2011, as amended, be further amended by the following:

3.13 “**Emergency**” means during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under Section 4 or 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

6.7 Electronic Meetings - Emergency

6.7.1 During any period where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under Section 4 or 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act,

- a) THAT despite subsection 238(3.1) of the Municipal Act, a member of Council who is participating electronically in a meeting shall be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time; and
- b) THAT despite subsection 238(3.2) of the Municipal Act, a member of Council can participate electronically in a meeting that is closed to the public.

6.7.2 A conference call and/or video-conferencing shall be set up and efforts made towards ensuring the continuation of public access, which may include, but not be limited to, audio/video livestreaming.

6.7.3 Members of Council, Local Boards and Committees shall:

- a) identify themselves at the beginning of the meeting for the purpose of determining quorum; and
- b) upon the call of the vote of each motion or by-law to determine the vote.

6.7.4 The Clerk shall be responsible for the procedures associated with the conduct of the meeting.

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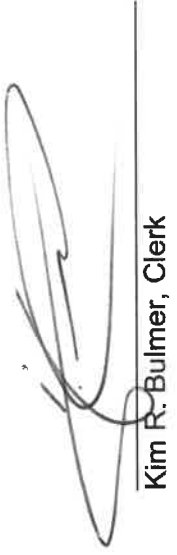
2. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon its passage thereof.

Read a first and second time this 31st day of March, 2020.

Read a third and final time this 31st day of March, 2020.



Don Eady, Mayor



Kim R. Bulmer, Clerk

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