

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RENFREW
BY-LAW NO. 56-2020

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, 24-2020; and

WHEREAS Bill 197, being an Act to amend the Municipal Act, 2001, received Royal Assent on July 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 provides for the ongoing electronic participation of a member of a council, of a local board, or of a committee of either of them, in a meeting and that said member 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) 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:

a) by deleting Section 6.7 and subsection 6.7.1:

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.

b) by inserting Section 6.7 and subsection 6.7.1:

6.7 Electronic Meetings

6.7.1 Electronic participation be allowed in open and closed meetings of Council (and its boards and committees) and that members who participate in open or closed meetings electronically be counted for the purposes of quorum as per Subsections 238 (3.1) (3.3) (3.4) and (3.5) of the *Municipal Act, SO 2001, c.25*, as amended.


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

Read a first and second time this 5th day of August, 2020.

Read a third and final time this 5th day of August, 2020.



Don Eady, Mayor



Kim R. Bulmer, Clerk