

**Subject: Bylaw No. 22/001 Procedure Bylaw Amendment -
Electronic Participation in Meetings****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Bylaw No. 22/001, being a bylaw to amend Procedure Bylaw No. 18/020, be read a third and final time.

Summary and Background:

At the January 11, 2022, Council Meeting, Council passed the following motion:

THAT Administration bring forward for Council's consideration at the January 25, 2022, Council Meeting an amendment to the Procedure Bylaw, Bylaw No. 18/020, to allow for the electronic participation of Council members during regularly scheduled in person Council meetings.

Under the current Procedure Bylaw electronic participation during regular in person Council meetings is addressed in section 7 as follows:

7. *A Councillor may participate in a Meeting via teleconferencing or other electronic means that has been tested for reliability and can be muted to block background noise, subject to:*
- (a) the Councillor being from a rural ward, but is unable to travel to the meeting due to lack of travel options or inclement weather; or*
 - (b) the Councillor's participation is required to obtain quorum for the Meeting;*
 - (c) the Councillor's Health; or*
 - (d) during a special meeting of Council called pursuant to section 194 of the Act.*

Enhanced provisions for electronic participation allow Council members the flexibility to

participate in meetings when they are unable to physically attend to participate.

The proposed Bylaw, Bylaw No. 22/001, as outlined on attachment 1, if passed, will allow Council members the ability to request participation in any meeting of Council via electronic means as they deem necessary.

Rationale for Recommendation:

In keeping with Council's commitment to accountability and transparency to the public, providing additional means whereby participation can occur electronically as deemed appropriate by the individual Council member, will ensure that those wishing to participate in Council meetings and decisions can do so even when they are unable to attend in person.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

1. Bylaw No. 22/001 Procedure Bylaw Amendment