

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATSWORTH

BY-LAW NUMBER 2020-31

Being a By-law amend the Township of Chatsworth Procedure By-law 2019-38 due to Emergency Legislation passed on March 19, 2020 and repeal By-law 2020-23

Whereas Bill 187 – the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 was passed by the Province of Ontario on March 19, 2020 to amend the Municipal Act, 2001; and

Whereas in order to allow for the Township of Chatsworth to implement the measures provided for by the Province, an amendment to the procedure by-law is required; and

Whereas the newly amended Municipal Act s. 238 (3.4) allows a municipality to hold a special meeting to amend an applicable procedure by-law for the purpose of allowing for the measures included in Bill 187- the Municipal emergency Act, 2020 during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist, shall allow members to participate electronically and counted in quorum for that meeting.

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chatsworth enacts as follows:

1. That By-law 2019-38 is hereby amended by adding the following under Section 16 – Commencement of Meetings:

3.1 The following definition is added to Section 3.1:

“Electronic Device” means computers, cellphones, smartphones, personal digital assistants, smartwatches, tablets, voice recorders, cameras or any other similar device.

16.4 Electronic Participation

During an emergency existing in all or part of the municipality declared either by the province or by the local municipality under Sections 4 or 7.01 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, the Municipality shall allow for electronic participation of Council members in both open and closed Council meetings, and such members shall be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members if present; and

Remote participation in open and closed meetings of Council by members of Council and staff on any electronic device platform that is deemed suitable by the Clerk.

During such period of declared emergency, all members participating in an electronic open or closed meeting shall be counted as quorum.

All votes shall be recorded votes in the case of teleconferenced meetings and a show of hands in video enable meetings or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the clerk and dependent upon the technology used.

Minutes and by-laws may be signed by electronic methods if the Clerk deems it necessary.

Members of the public and press may be restricted from attending a Council meeting called under a declared emergency to protect the health and safety of all individuals and security of property.

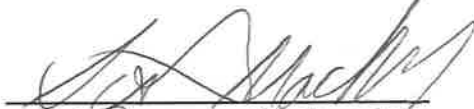
2. That By-law 2019-38 is hereby amended by adding the following under Section 16.4 Commencement of Meetings:

16.4 i) The rules outlined in s.16.4 apply to Committee of Adjustment and other Committees of Council

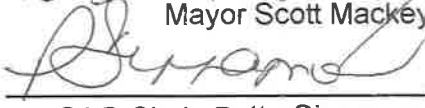
3. That By-law 2020-23 is hereby repealed.

4. That this By-law shall come into full force and effect upon its passing.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6th day of May, 2020.



Mayor Scott Mackey



CAO Clerk, Patty Sinnamon