



The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

By-law No. 50-2020

Being a By-law to Amend Council Rules of Procedure By-law No. 36-2016, as amended (Electronic Delegations)

Whereas subsection 238(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended, (the "Act") provides that every municipality shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings, and

Whereas Council Rules of Procedure By-law No. 36-2016 was passed by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie on March 29, 2016, and provides for the calling, place and proceedings of meetings of Council and Council-in-Committee, and local boards (excluding BIA Boards of Management); and

Whereas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province of Ontario enacted the *Municipal Emergency Act, 2020* to amend Section 238 of the *Act* to give municipalities the ability to fully conduct both open and closed meetings of Council and local boards electronically when an emergency has been declared pursuant to the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, in order to respond quickly and continue to function when in-person meetings cannot be held and Council decisions need to be made; and

Whereas on March 17, 2020 a Declaration of Emergency was made by the Province of Ontario pursuant to section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to slow the spread of COVID-19 amidst a global pandemic outbreak; and

Whereas By-law No. 39-2020 was passed by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie to amend Council Rules of Procedure By-law No. 36-2016 to permit electronic participation in meetings by members of Council where a Declaration of Emergency has been declared; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient to further amend Council's Rules of Procedure By-law No. 36-2016, as amended, to permit delegations to participate electronically in meetings where a Declaration of Emergency has been declared; and

Now therefore the Municipal Council of The Corporation of theTown of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

1. **That** Council Rules of Procedure By-law No. 36-2016, as amended, is further amended by repealing subsection 4.4 c) iii) and replacing it with the following:
 - "iii) Public delegations shall be permitted electronically by a means made available by the municipality. All other rules pertaining to delegations in Section 9 of this by-law, shall be adhered to."

2. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to effect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of June, 2020.

Mayor

Clerk

I, Carol Schofield, the Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie certifies the foregoing to be a true copy of By-law No. 50-2020 of the said Town. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Corporation, this day of , 20 .
