

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 029-2020

A By-law to amend By-law 7-2011 (Procedure By-law) which governs the proceedings of Council and Committees of Council.

WHEREAS Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, requires every municipality and local board to pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to make certain amendments to By-law 7-2011 (Procedure By-law) to permit electronic participation by Members of Council at Committee of the Whole and Council meetings, on a trial basis;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That City of Vaughan By-law Number 7-2011, as amended by By-law 166-2017 and 111-2019, is hereby further amended as follows:

- a) That the following definition be added to Section **1.5 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS:**

"ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION - A Council Member who participates in a Committee or Council meeting remotely via electronic means (e.g. video or audio teleconference), who has the same rights and responsibilities as if he or she were in physical attendance, including the right to vote, with the exception that they shall not count towards a quorum of members and shall not be permitted to participate in any portion of a meeting which is closed to the public."

- b) That the following be added to Section **7.0 GENERAL:**

7.6 ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

- (1) Electronic participation shall only be permitted only during the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO), or until the end of 2020, whichever comes first, subject to the following:

- i. Electronic participation would only be permitted for the following meetings:
 - a. Committee of the Whole (1)
 - b. Committee of the Whole (2)
 - c. Committee of the Whole (Working Session)
 - d. Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing)
 - e. Council
 - f. Any special meeting of Committee and Council
- ii. Notwithstanding Sections **5.3 QUORUM** and **6.6 CALLING A MEETING TO ORDER AND QUORUM**, only the Council Members in physical attendance will count towards quorum.
- iii. The Chair shall not be permitted to participate electronically at a meeting.
- iv. A Council Member who wishes to participate in a meeting electronically shall provide the City Clerk a minimum of 48 hours' notice.

Enacted by City of Vaughan Council this 17th day of March, 2020.

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk