



One Year Extension of Electronic Meeting Rules

Date: August 4, 2020
To: Sign Variance Committee
From: City Clerk
Wards: All

SUMMARY

At its meeting of July 28 and 29, 2020, City Council adopted Item EX15.21, and in so doing has authorized its local boards to extend or adopt remote electronic meeting rules for a period of one year following the later of the termination of the Provincial emergency or the termination of the municipal emergency related to the issue of COVID-19.

Attachment 1 to this supplementary report provides an updated By-law 4 which incorporates this recent authorization.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. The Sign Variance Committee enact By-law 4 in Attachment 1 to this report, being a by-law to amend Sign Variance Committee By-law 1.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

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<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.EX15.21>

COMMENTS

Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 amends several provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, including repealing the previous rules for electronic participation and introducing rules that permit City Council and its local Boards to amend their procedures to permit a member of city council, of a local board of the City or of a committee of either of them, to participate electronically in a meeting as follows:

- a member who is participating electronically in a meeting may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time; and
- a member can participate electronically in a meeting that is open or closed to the public.

City Council has authorized its local Boards to extend or adopt these remote electronic meeting rules for a period of one year following the later of the termination of the Provincial emergency or the termination of the municipal emergency.

The Ontario government terminated the provincial declaration of emergency in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency on July 24, 2020.

As of August 4, 2020, the municipal emergency remains in effect.

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SIGNATURE

City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - By-law 4 - Amendments to the Rules of Procedure for the Sign Variance Committee, with respect to Electronic participation - Revised