City of Toronto Act, 2006 Public Notice Making Electronic Participation for Council and its Local Boards Permanent

Toronto City Council will be considering recommendations to adopt amendments to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures.

It is proposed that the amendments be adopted at the City Council meeting to be held on March 29, 30 and 31, 2023, or at a subsequent meeting. If adopted by City Council, amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures, will:

1. Permit electronic participation in all meetings and provide that:

a. any member participating in the meeting electronically to be deemed present for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present under 27-5.12A, and for the purposes of voting on any matter put to a vote under 27 12.2A, and for all other purposes.

b. any member participating in the meeting electronically to be entitled to participate in any portion of the meeting closed to the public in accordance with 27-5.15.

2. Change the time required to achieve quorum from 15 minutes to 30 minutes.

3. Permit members of the public to participate electronically at meetings where electronic participation occurs and in a manner as determined by the Clerk.

4. Authorize local boards governed by the City of Toronto Act, 2006 to amend their own rules of procedure to permit electronic participation by board members and the public, and authorize such boards to continue to meet electronically in accordance with the previously adopted electronic participation rules past the May 9, 2023 deadline until they can meet to consider procedural amendments.

The proposed amendments are outlined in the report titled "Making Electronic Participation for Council and its Local Boards Permanent" To view or obtain a copy of the report, visit the City's website at: <u>https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.EX3.7</u>

At its meeting to be held in person and by video conference on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, the Executive Committee of Toronto City Council will hear from any person or by his or her counsel, agent, or solicitor, who wishes to speak to the matter.

The proposed amendments are subject to the decisions of the Executive Committee and City Council. Consequently, the proposed amendments may be modified. Additional or other amendments to the above-noted By-law, including amendments not contemplated or considered in the proposal by the City Clerk, may occur as a result of the decisions of the Committee and City Council.

To submit comments or make a presentation to the Executive Committee on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, as a courtesy, please contact the Committee no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023:

Executive Committee Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West 10th Floor, West Tower, Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2 Telephone: 416-392-7033; Fax: 416-392-2980 Email: <u>exc@toronto.ca</u>

To ask questions regarding the content of the report, please contact:

Kelly McCarthy Deputy City Clerk, Secretariat Phone: 416-392-8676 E-mail: <u>kelly.mccarthy@toronto.ca</u>

Any comments received after the Committee meeting will be forwarded to City Council.

If this matter is postponed at the Committee meeting or City Council meeting or considered at a subsequent Committee or City Council meeting, no additional notice will be provided other than the information on the subsequent Committee or City Council agenda. Please contact the above City officials if you require notice in these cases.

The Executive Committee will make its final recommendations on March 21, 2023 which will be forwarded to City Council for its meeting on March 29, 30 and 31, 2023.

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Dated at the City of Toronto this 14th day of March, 2023.

John D. Elvidge City Clerk