

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LAMBTON

BY-LAW NO. 18 OF 2021

"A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 33 of 2014"

WHEREAS By-law No. 33 of 2014 (the "By-Law") governs the calling, place and proceedings of all Council meetings of The Corporation of the County of Lambton.

AND WHEREAS sub-sections 238 (3.1) and 238 (3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (the "Act") allows this Council to amend the By-Law to permit members of Council to attend a meeting of Council, its committees and/or boards electronically, and for those members to be counted towards the meeting's quorum and to also participate in the meeting's closed open and *in camera* sessions electronically.

AND WHEREAS this Council wishes to allow members of Council to so participate in such meetings electronically.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the County of Lambton enacts as follows:

1. By-Law No. 33 of 2014 is hereby amended, as follows:

(I) Add new Part 25.7 that reads as follows:

- (a) As a general rule, Members are expected to attend a non-Electronic Meeting of Council (and those of its standing committees) in person. It is understood however that Member(s) may from time to time not be able to attend a meeting in person. For such reasons, and separate and apart from an Electronic Meeting scheduled pursuant to Part 25.2 above, regular and special meetings of Council (and those of its standing committees), including for greater certainty the open and close session portions thereof, shall be made accessible to Council members by Electronic Means. Members shall be permitted to attend and participate in regular and special meetings of Council (and those of its committees) remotely by Electronic Means and those so attending shall be counted towards the meeting's quorum.
- (b) For the purposes of paragraph (a) above, "Electronic Means" includes such electronic method selected by the Warden, in

consultation with the Clerk, taking into account the County of Lambton's resources, which may include, but not be limited to, online Internet meeting platform resources such Microsoft Teams and/or Zoom, audio telephone conference and/or video telephone conference.

(c) The Rules of Procedure shall continue to apply to Members attending and participating by Electronic Means.

(d) In addition to such other content that these Rules of Procedure prescribe for the minutes of Council, a record of Members who participated by Electronic Means (and not in person) shall be noted in the minutes.

2. By-Law 33 of 2014 as amended is hereby ratified and confirmed in all other respects.

3. This By-law - and, for greater certainty the amendments stipulated in paragraph 1 above to By-Law No. 33 of 2014, shall come into force and effect upon passing hereof and shall expire on November 14, 2022.

THIS BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 1st day of September, 2021.

Kevin Marriott
Warden

Stéphane Thiffeault
Clerk